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# Finding shelter on Christmas

**Alpha House.** Shelters make the holidays special for women and their children fleeing abusive relationships

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The holiday season is stressful for any family, but it can be particularly difficult for women and children staying in women's shelters after fleeing abusive partners.

"It's sad that anybody has to be there over Christmas," said Nikki Trimble, the provincial co-ordinator for the Manitoba Association of Women's Shelters (MAWS), an organization that oversees nine shelters in Manitoba.

Employees try to make the holidays the best they possibly can, said Trimble. They all do something spe-

cial, such as host Christmas and children's parties, decorate, and serve Christmas dinner with turkey.

"It's hard, to be honest," said Helen Parry, who stayed at Alpha House over the 2011 holiday season.

Alpha House is second-stage housing where women can stay for up to nine months while adjusting to life on their own.

"Being away from my family and being there all by myself, at Christmas, I thought it would be really difficult. But Alpha House made it beautiful," said Parry, whose family was in Ontario.

Parry said it is especially important to make the holiday special for the children who are missing their fathers.

Alpha House puts up a Christmas tree, ensures there are gifts for all the women and children and has a holiday dinner, said Glenda Dean, Alpha House Executive Director.

"Sometimes Santa shows up," Dean said.

"The sense of community in a shelter is strong, especially at that time of year," Parry said. "That made me feel good, even as a single woman with my kids away, because I didn't feel so lonely."



Children play around the Christmas tree at Alpha House. GLENDA DEAN/FOR METRO

## Quoted

**"That's the biggest thing that helps — to know that we're not alone."**

Helen Parry, who stayed at Alpha House over the 2011 holiday season

# Proof that clowns are scary: Armed robbery



Police say a man dressed as a clown robbed the Crosstown Civic Credit Union on Tuesday. GOOGLE MAPS

There was nothing funny about a clown that stopped by the Crosstown Civic Credit Union on Regent Avenue West Tuesday afternoon.

The man — who police said Wednesday was dressed from head to toe like a clown, complete with a pair of fake breasts — also had a gun and robbed the credit union in the 1500 block of Regent Avenue West of an undisclosed amount of cash, according to cops.

Luckily for police, who caught up with the suspect in the area a short time later

## Quoted

**"He had clothing that would be best described as a clown outfit."**

Police spokesperson Cst. Jason Michalysen on the man charged in the robbery of the Crosstown Civic Credit Union.

with the help of the Canine Unit, the suspect wasn't hard to pick out.

"He had clothing that would be best described as a clown outfit," said police spokesperson Cst. Jason Michalysen. "Based on the

information that was provided to us when the incident actually occurred, he certainly would have stood out to some extent."

Michalysen said the suspect was trying to hide the costume — including a brightly coloured wig and balaclava — and the stolen cash in a snowdrift when officers caught up with him.

No one was injured during the robbery.

Rondell McGarrett Johnson, 39, is facing charges of robbery with a firearm, disguise with intent and public mischief. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

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## On the roads

## Nine more drivers caught in Check Stop program

Winnipeg police charged nine drivers with driving impaired or refusing a breathalyzer test during the second week of their holiday Check Stop program.

In all, 1350 vehicles were stopped and 22 screening tests were administered.

Police also caught one suspended driver, arrested another under the intoxicated persons act and issued four 24-hour suspensions and 29 traffic-related Provincial Offence Notices.

Since the program started Dec. 1, 2,117 drivers have been checked with 17 charged with impaired driving or refusing a breathalyzer.

The campaign runs until the end of the month including New Year's Eve. **METRO**

## Newtown. Winnipeg church to broadcast funeral for Ana Marquez-Greene

Winnipeggers who knew Ana Marquez-Greene, 6, will get the opportunity to say a final goodbye to the young girl who was raised in Winnipeg and is among the 26 victims of last Friday's shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Conn.

The funeral service, which takes place at The First Cathedral in Bloomfield, Conn., will be broadcast at Grant Memorial Baptist Church, 877 Wilkes Ave., at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

The event at Grant Memorial is for friends and family, and will be preceded by a brief welcome and prayer.

Ana lived in Winnipeg for three years while her father, famed saxophonist Jimmy Greene, taught jazz at the University of Manitoba, and her mother Nelba, a family

therapist, worked at the University of Winnipeg's Aurora Family Therapy Centre.

Ana's brother Isaiah, 9, also attended Sandy Hook Elementary, but escaped unharmed.

A statement released Wednesday said Isaiah "very much misses his sister."

"Ana's love for singing was evident before she was even able to talk. In a musical family, her gift for melody, pitch and rhythm stood out remarkably," said the family's statement.

"And she never walked anywhere — her mode of transportation was dance. She danced from room to room and place to place. She danced to all the music she heard, whether in the air or in her head. Ana loved her God, loved to read the Bible and loved to sing and dance as acts of worship. We ask that you pray for the legions of people who are left behind to cherish memories of her."

The statement also included a message from Nelba and her hope that "the tragedy of the school shooting will bring a greater awareness to mental health issues and to reduce the stigma attached to those with mental illness, perhaps preventing tragedies like the one that took Ana's life."

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Ana Grace Marquez-Greene

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The Manitoba Tipi Mitawa program has helped 11 aboriginal families buy their first homes with the help of down payments and monthly mortgage payments. GRAEME COLEMAN/FOR METRO

# Families celebrate holidays at home

Eleven aboriginal families are experiencing the security and stability of owning their own home thanks to a unique program.

The Manitoba Tipi Mitawa (MTM) program, started in 2008, was created by Harry DeLeeuw of the Manitoba Real Estate Association (MREA) and backed by the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) to help aboriginal families put together down payments for homes and make monthly mortgage payments.

DeLeeuw said the results have been far greater than the MREA could have predicted, giving families financial and social gain.

Owning your own home

provides families with security and stability, said Dennis White Bird, on behalf of the AMC at the Realtor Place Monday afternoon.

White Bird said it gives the families a "great deal of pride to own our own homes and to be able to be contributing members of society."

Katina Cochrane, who now owns a home with partner Kris and daughter Kinly, said she didn't expect the outcome. "We thought for sure it was going to give us stability, but what it really did was it validated us as a family."

Owning their own home makes all the difference for these families on Christmas.

"What's nice about

Christmas in our own home is a real tree," said Vickie Bushie, whose family of six was surprised by MREA and AMC with a fresh tree. "They aren't even allowed in a rental place. I grew up with a real tree in my family home with my parents, so that's something I wanted to give my kids."

DeLeeuw said the first round of funding is done but members of the MREA remain committed and actively seeking funding for the next stage.

"We've provided for 12 homes," said DeLeeuw. "We promised to provide 40 homes, and we intend to keep that promise."

GRAEME COLEMAN/FOR METRO

### MTM program

Manitoba Tipi Mitawa by the numbers:

- 11 families were supported and moved into their homes.
- One family in this phase of the program is waiting to find their dream home.
- \$166,700 was the average house price at a time of purchase between 2009 and 2012.
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# Fares go up a bit, passes go up a lot

**Bus rider.** Prepare to pay more to get on the bus in January

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The annual bus fare hike was announced, and this year the cost of monthly bus passes is rising more than usual.

The Winnipeg Transit website shows that regular passes are jumping to \$82.80, up from \$77. That's a difference of \$5.80 compared to the \$1.65 raise between 2011 and 2012.

Cash fares are going up five cents and ticket prices are staying the same.

"One of the frustrations is that when Winnipeg City Council pushes through something like this, they don't put a poverty lens to it," said Harold Dyck, welfare advocate at Winnipeg Harvest.

People living on social assistance have a daily food budget of only \$3.96, said Dyck, so a small increase in



It's going to cost more to board city buses in 2013. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

fare has a huge impact on them.

"Unfortunately, in reality, every time this (transit fare hike) happens, it increases the reliance on Winnipeg Harvest," said Dyck.

Monthly passes are increasing so much this year because the pricing relationship between fare products needs rebalancing, said city spokesperson Alissa Clark via email.

But these fares will not be around for long.

## Bus fares

2013 regular bus ticket prices across the country:

- Winnipeg - \$2.50
- Vancouver - \$2.75
- Montreal - \$3
- Charlottetown - \$2.25
- Yellowknife - \$3

The city announced in October that a new transit payment system will be introduced during the spring of 2013.

Prices will be similar, but with more types of passes available (such as one-day passes, seven-day passes, and yearly passes) passengers may find passes better fitting their needs and save money, according to a City of Winnipeg report.

For more information on 2013 bus fares, visit the website at [winipegtransit.com/en/fares/transit-fares/](http://winipegtransit.com/en/fares/transit-fares/).



## Putting his money where his mouth is

Winnipeg Jets' Evander Kane posted this photo of himself on a Las Vegas balcony Wednesday morning, drawing the ire of hockey-hungry and lockout-weary Winnipeggers. While most of the social media response was disapproving, some took the photo in stride, with dozens of people posting photos of themselves on Twitter talking into cash — or "Kaneing," as it's now called. To read some of the tweets, head to [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca).

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## Phoenix Sinclair. Stepfather was deemed high risk for violence

Social workers were given a clear warning about Karl McKay's propensity for violence years before he brutally beat young Phoenix Sinclair to death, the inquiry into the girl's killing was told Wednesday.

McKay already had a long history of assaults and domestic violence when he met with his probation officer in April 1999. It was a meeting that the officer said left her scared.

"I certainly felt that day that he was a very angry person and that my safety was at risk, and it wouldn't be safe for one particular individual to meet with him (alone) in the future," Miriam Browne testified Wednesday.

"It was quite possible that he might become violent in the office. I felt physically intimidated by Mr. McKay. That was a very unusual circumstance, I will say."

Two days after the meeting, Browne wrote to the social worker who was dealing with McKay's then-common law partner. She warned the worker of her serious concerns for the safety of McKay's partner and their two children, who would be made permanent wards of

### Checkup

- In April 2004, Kematch took Phoenix from friends who were caring for the girl. The inquiry was told earlier that when one social worker went to Kematch's home to check on the girl, a man who identified himself as "Wes" answered the door and said Kematch and Phoenix had gone out. McKay's middle name is Wesley. The social worker didn't ask the man for his last name and didn't probe any further.

the state in 2000.

Despite that letter, and many other warnings about McKay, he would slip under the radar into the life of Phoenix Sinclair in 2004. He had started a relationship with Phoenix's mother, Samantha Kematch. The couple neglected and abused the girl, eventually beating her to death and burying her near a dump on the Fisher River First Nation north of Winnipeg. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Toasting a big year in downtown Winnipeg

**Top 10.** Downtown Winnipeg Biz recognizes busy year in the city's core

Downtown Winnipeg BIZ released a Top 10 list Wednesday recognizing the events and achievements they feel helped to shape the city's core this year.

"We can feel Winnipeg's urban canvas taking shape, bringing us together, weaving more and more into the fabric of our everyday lives," said Downtown BIZ's executive director Stefano Grande in a release that accompanied the list. "We know what works, we have a plan, we have all of the right tools, and our downtown can become as vibrant as we hope it to be."

The list, which was put together in no particular order, recognized the completion of projects like the first phase of the city's Bus Rapid Transit line, the \$12.5 million transformation of the Avenue Building on Portage into a 75-apartment



Amber van den Broek with Hot and Bothered performs at the ManyFest media sneak preview before the event.

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complex, and the newly restored Metropolitan Theatre as game-changers to the core area.

It also noted art projects and landscape architecture like the Marbles on Portage and the new Millennium Library Park have added "splashes of art (and) colour" downtown,

and events like ManyFest, Nuit Blanche and the Pride Festival showed how vibrant our city's downtown can be.

Downtown's future was also recognized on the list, which included the recently announced Winnipeg Convention Centre expansion, improvements due

to the designated Sports, Hospitality, Entertainment District designation, and innovative tax policies that are attracting more residential units into the urban centre.

Go to [downtownwinnipeg.biz.com](http://downtownwinnipeg.biz.com) to see a copy of the BIZ's 2012 annual report. **METRO**

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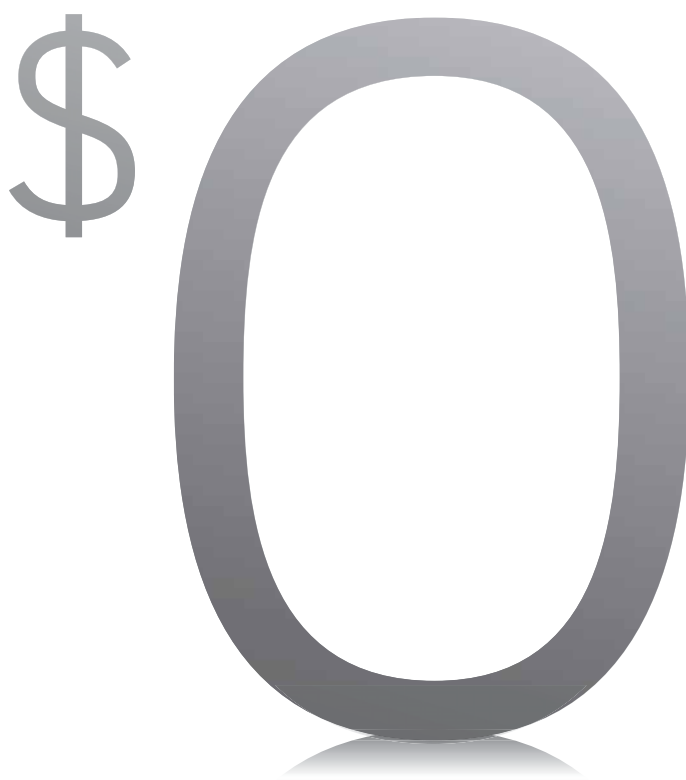
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## Subsidized housing

## Nine students awarded \$1,000 in bursaries

Nine post-secondary students living in Manitoba Housing or rental homes subsidized by Manitoba Housing have been given help paying the bills.

"Including this year we have awarded 45 post-secondary students with bursaries of \$1,000 each," said Housing and Community Development Deputy Minister Joy Cramer. "The recipients are chosen based on excellence in academic standings and commitment to voluntary community services."

"We know the best way out of poverty is education and employment. And so this is our way, a small way, of supporting them on their journey of furthering their post-secondary education," said Housing and Community Development Minister Kerri Irvin-Ross.

"During the past five years approximately 60 per cent of those bursaries have been awarded to post-secondary students who declare an aboriginal or Métis family ancestry," said Cramer. **MEG CRANE/FOR METRO**

# Mother to spend first Christmas with her kids since abduction

**Father charged.** Two children returned after being found in Mexico

A woman who was reunited with her children after her estranged husband took them to Mexico for several years says she's thrilled to have them home but admits there have been hardships.

Emily Cablek hasn't spoken publicly since getting her son, Dominic, and her daughter, Abby, back in May.

The children vanished in 2008 after their father failed to return them from a visit.

Officials found them this spring in Guadalajara in a cluttered, messy apartment in which they reportedly were being kept, with little exposure to the outside world.

Their father, Kevin Maryk, has been charged with abducting them and will next appear in court in January.

Cablek says the transition



Emily Cablek with her children, Abby and Dominic. CONTRIBUTED

to living in Winnipeg has been difficult for the children sometimes.

"I think it's difficult for anyone to really understand," she says. "The kids are home, problem solved — that kind of thing, and it's not that simple."

After four years without schooling, Abby and Dominic are back in classes and are making friends, but Cablek says they are still adjusting to following schedules and trusting authorities.

"They're amazing chil-

dren," she says. "They're very resilient and I'm really happy to see them moving forward."

She says she is struggling financially as she is on disability as a result of depression.

Cablek wishes there was more support for families dealing with similar circumstances and says she's especially frustrated when she compares her situation to her ex-husband's.

Maryk requested to be extradited from a prison in Mexico back to Winnipeg.

**THE CANADIAN PRESS/CTV**

# SINGLE MOM'S LOVE OF HER LIFE IS HER DAUGHTER



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Kerri Salki

Meet Trinda Maxwell! Her gratitude in life is infectious. This single mom feels incredibly lucky to have so much support from her group of friends and large extended family. Her eight-year-old daughter is her whole world and has taught her more about life than anyone she's ever met! Trinda, 28, loves to write, read and continue to learn. She even takes college courses at night when she can. A lover of DIY crafts, she will decoupage just about anything! Her next project has to do with a pair of heels...

**Occupation:** Drawing and document control supervisor  
**Best book you have ever read:** Tuesdays With Morrie by Mitch Albom (I'm reading this to my daughter now and so far she really likes it).

**Fruitcake:** Yum or Yuck? Yuck.  
**Favourite song?** Simple Kind of Man by Lynyrd Skynyrd.  
**Favourite holiday food?** Sex



in a pan (it's a cake, ha ha).  
**First thing you'd buy if you won the lottery?** A house DIY or pay someone to do it? DIY for sure, it's so much more fun that way!

**Celebrity crush?** Mike Ness.  
**What TV show are you into?** The Walking Dead is pretty gruesome, but great.  
**One word that describes you?** Resilient.

**Most exciting thing you've ever done?** I'm not very exciting, ha ha.  
**Happiest moment of your life so far?** Giving birth to my baby girl. I didn't know what true love was before I looked at her.

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# India incensed over gang rape on bus

**Delhi.** Protesters, politicians demand action after near-fatal attack shocks a nation

The hours-long gang rape and near-fatal beating of a 23-year-old student on a bus in New Delhi triggered outrage and anger across India on Wednesday as protesters demanded action from authorities who have long ignored persistent violence and harassment against women.

In the streets and in Parliament, calls rose for stringent and swift punishment against those who attack women, including a proposal to make rapists eligible for the death penalty. As the calls for action grew louder, two more gang rapes were reported, including one in which the 10-year-old victim was killed.

Thousands of demonstrators clogged the streets in front of New Delhi's police

headquarters, protested near Parliament and rallied outside a major university. Angry university students set up roadblocks across the city, causing massive traffic jams.

Hundreds rallied outside the home of the city's top elected official before police dispersed them with water cannons, a move that earned further condemnation from opposition leaders, who accused the government of being insensitive.

"We want to jolt people awake from the cozy comfort of their cars. We want people to feel the pain of what women go through every day," said Aditi Roy, a Delhi University student.

As protests raged in cities across India, at least two girls were gang-raped, with one of them killed.

Police on Wednesday fished out the body of a 10-year-old girl from a canal in Bihar state's Saharsa district. Police superintendent Ajit Kumar Satyarthi said the girl had been



An Indian woman shouts slogans outside the Delhi police headquarters during Wednesday's protest in New Delhi following the rape of a 23-year-old student. ALTAQ QADRI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

gang-raped and killed and her body dumped in the canal. Police were investigating and a breakthrough was expected soon, Satyarthi said.

The 23-year-old victim lay in critical condition in the hospital with severe internal injuries, doctors said.

Police said six men raped the woman and savagely beat her and her companion

with iron rods on a bus driving around the city — passing through several police checkpoints — before stripping them and dumping them on the side of the road on Sunday night.

Delhi police chief Neeraj Kumar said four men have been arrested and a search was underway for the other two.

Sonia Gandhi, head of the ruling Congress Party, visited

the victim, promised swift action against the perpetrators and called for police to be trained to deal with crimes against women.

In New Delhi and across India, the outpouring of anger is unusual in a country where attacks against women are rarely prosecuted.

Opposition politicians shouted slogans and pro-

## Yet another attack

On the same day of the protests, a young girl in India's Banka district of Bihar was allegedly raped by four men.

- The 14-year-old was in critical condition after the attack, a district education officer said.
- The suspected rapists have been identified, but police have yet to make any arrests.

tested outside Parliament and called for making rape a capital crime. Cutting across party affiliations, lawmakers demanded the government announce a plan to safeguard women in the city.

Analysts say crimes against women are on the rise as more young women leave their homes to join the workforce in India's booming economy, even as deep-rooted social attitudes that women are inferior remain unchanged. Many families look down on women, viewing the girl child as a burden that forces them to pay a huge dowry to marry her off.

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## Quoted

**"I feel it is sick what is happening across the country and it needs to stop."**

Smitha, a 32-year-old protester  
Criticizing the Indian mindset on sexual assault and violence against women.

# Pedophile probe absolves BBC execs of coverup

Institutional chaos and confusion — but not a coverup — were to blame for the BBC's disastrous handling of pedophilia allegations involving one of its best-known children's television personalities, an internal review found on Wednesday.

The review, carried out by former Sky News boss Nick Pollard, absolved BBC executives of trying to bury a potentially embarrassing story, saying that weak management and poor leadership were to blame for the fact that a planned exposé of the late TV star Jimmy Savile never aired on the flagship Newsnight program.

When the rival ITV network broadcast a similar exposé in October about Savile, who died in 2011 at the age of 84, the BBC came under fire for both harbouring an alleged serial sex abuser for decades and killing its own story about him.

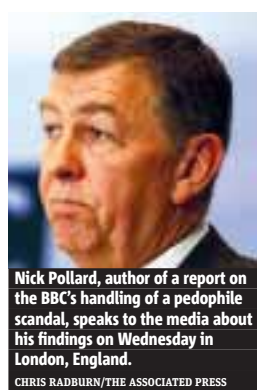
"The Newsnight investigators got the story right," Pollard said. "They had found clear and compelling evidence that Jimmy Savile was a pedophile."

He said the decision by news executives to scrap the item "was clearly flawed, and the way it was taken was wrong, though I believe it was taken in good faith."

The review said the BBC was thrown into disarray when allegations that Savile was a serial sexual predator were made public, taking more than a month to get a handle on the situation.

The scandal has since metastasized, tainting the reputation of the BBC. It also forced the resignation of the BBC's new director-general, George Entwistle, and raised questions about its former leader, Mark Thompson, who has since become chief executive at The New York Times.

The BBC's decision to cancel its initial investigation in



Nick Pollard, author of a report on the BBC's handling of a pedophile scandal, speaks to the media about his findings on Wednesday in London, England. CHRIS RADBRUN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

December 2011 over the objections of its reporters was one of the scandal's most embarrassing episodes, especially as it preceded a glowing tribute to Savile's career broadcast the same month.

The timing and the circumstances of the cancellation raised questions about whether senior executives tried to bury the story to protect the corporation's reputation.

The report published Wednesday absolved the executives of that — the most serious — charge. The review cost the BBC \$3.3 million.

The report does not appear

to challenge Thompson's account of his role in the scandal — and Chris Patten, head of the BBC Trust, said after the review was published that he has "no reason at all for disbelieving" the former director-general.

Since the ITV documentary aired, scores of women have come forward, alleging they were abused by Savile when they were underage, sometimes in BBC dressing rooms. Police say Savile is a suspect in 199 crimes recorded so far, including dozens of cases of rape.

Two additional internal inquiries are still in the works.

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## Syria

### Aid groups launch refugee appeal

The words of Syrian children, forced to flee violence in their own country, offer a bitter counterpoint to the cheery holiday spirit so many of their counterparts in Canada experience at this time of year.

Their grim testimonials leap from the pages of numerous reports from various international aid agencies that have struggled for months to draw attention to their suffering during the 21-month Syrian conflict, now a civil war.

Taken together, they tell

the story of frigid youngsters huddling against sub-zero temperatures under thin blankets with no heat, their untreated coughs evolving into more serious untreated illnesses.

Aid workers in Canada are hoping such stories might hit the hearts and pocketbooks of their fellow citizens after the United Nations launched a \$1-billion pre-Christmas emergency appeal Wednesday. The UN wants to stave off the latest threat to more than 500,000 Syrian refugees, the majority of them women and children while also helping an estimated two million displaced people inside Syria.

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## Washington

### State Dept. bosses resign in wake of Libyan attacks

Three State Department officials resigned under pressure Wednesday, less than a day after a damning report blamed management failures for a lack of security at the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya, where militants killed the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans on Sept. 11.

The resignations came as lawmakers expressed anger and frustration over the findings of an independent review panel, and the State

Department struggled to find a balance between protecting its diplomats while allowing them to do their jobs connecting with people in high-risk posts.

An Obama administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Eric Boswell, the assistant secretary of state for diplomatic security, Charlene Lamb, the deputy assistant secretary responsible for embassy security, and Raymond Maxwell, the deputy assistant secretary of state who oversees the Maghreb nations of Libya, Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco have resigned.

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## British Columbia

### Court reduces drug charges over vertigo concerns

The B.C. Court of Appeal has reduced a man's sentence to 18 months from two years after the trial judge said he was suffering from a sudden vertigo problem and questioned his own fairness.

Peter Hancock pleaded guilty to one count of possessing heroin for the purpose of trafficking, and his lawyer suggested a sentence of one year.

The Crown wanted two years and the judge asked Hancock if he preferred to

serve 18 months in a provincial jail or two years in the federal system.

"I guess federal," Hancock replied. The next day, the judge had Hancock brought back to court and said he might have been unwell when he imposed the sentence and couldn't say if he acted impartially.

"He stated that shortly after the sentencing he became unwell with a sudden onset vertigo problem," the appeal court decision said.

Hancock wanted the judge to change the sentence to provincial time but the judge said it was too late for him to do that and suggested an appeal. THE CANADIAN PRESS







# Hail the Cosmo Canuck!

**Up, up and away.**  
Chris Hadfield blasts off from Kazakhstan on a mission to head the International Space Station

Now call him Cosmo Chris.

Chris Hadfield has successfully blasted off from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

He was on his way Wednesday on a mission to become the first Canadian to command the International Space Station.

Hadfield is travelling to the space station on board a Russian Soyuz capsule for a five-month visit to the giant orbiting space lab.

He is sharing the trip to the space station with NASA astronaut Tom Marshburn and Russian cosmonaut Roman Romanenko. They're due to arrive Friday.

Gov. Gen. David Johnston called Hadfield's launch "a great day for Canada, a great day for the world of discovery and innovation."

He joined families of Can-



**No sleeping, please — you're spacemen.** Russian cosmonaut Roman Romanenko, left, U.S. astronaut Tom Marshburn and Canada's Chris Hadfield play a little snoozing joke on the media after putting on their spacesuits before blast-off at the Baikonur Cosmodrome. Next stop: The International Space Station.

SHAMIL ZHUMATOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

adian Space Agency employees at its headquarters south of Montreal to watch the event on a giant TV screen.

"We're so proud that Chris Hadfield now is up in space — the first Canadian to be

commanding the space station in March," he said.

"And now we simply pray for a continued safe mission and a safe return."

During his stay, Hadfield, an avid guitar player, plans to

do some strumming to help him deal with homesickness.

The 53-year-old space veteran will also be involved with more than 130 experiments including Micro-flow, a Canadian blood-sampling ex-

periment which he compared to a hospital in a box.

Hadfield will become the first Canadian to command the space station during the second half of his mission.

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## Pension surplus

### Big unions lose fight for \$28B

The Supreme Court of Canada says several major public unions are not entitled to a \$28-billion pension surplus the government hived off to help pay down the deficit.

The court ruled 9-0 that the government is not obliged to return the funds.

The unions argued the government improperly took their money.

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## Youth now key

### Feds make point on immigration

The points system used to decide who can immigrate to Canada is getting a makeover.

The new judging criteria for the federal skilled worker program will award more points to younger immigrants and change the way the government looks at work experience and education.

The way points are allocated for language ability will also change.

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Dominique Strauss-Kahn leaves his Paris apartment earlier this month. The former IMF chief lost his bid to have prostitution charges against him thrown out. JACQUES BRINON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Strauss-Kahn's legal problems not quite over

**Lille, France.** The only case remaining involves Strauss-Kahn's suspected role in a hotel prostitution ring

**No convictions so far**  
"We are certain that Dominique Strauss-Kahn will be cleared of all charges against him."

Frederique Baulieu, the former IMF chief's lawyer

French judges decided Wednesday not to drop pimping charges against former International Monetary Fund chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn, according to his lawyers, who had sought to have the case thrown out.

The defence quickly vowed to appeal.

Strauss-Kahn, 63, is fresh off a legal settlement reached in the U.S. last week with Nafissatou Diallo, the New

York hotel maid who had accused him of rape in May 2011.

That accusation torpedoed his once-illustrious political career, and was followed by other allegations of sex-related wrongdoing.

None has led to a conviction. The only case remaining is the investigation into Strauss-Kahn's suspected role in a hotel prostitution ring in

the northern French city of Lille.

An appeals court in nearby Douai on Wednesday maintained preliminary charges filed against Strauss-Kahn in March for aggravated procurement in an organized gang — meaning the probe can continue.

He is one of several defendants in the case, which allegedly involves prominent city figures and police.

A French writer also claimed that Strauss-Kahn tried to rape her in 2003 but prosecutors threw out her case because it happened too long ago. The one-time presidential hopeful resigned from his IMF job and saw his international reputation collapse. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**Oshawa, Ont.**

## Man accused of sexual assault at shelter

A man who worked and volunteered at an Oshawa, Ont., shelter has been charged with sexual assault in several alleged incidents dating back up to 15 years.

Police say a number of adult women recently came forward with the allegations. Earl Sanderson, 67, of Scugog Township, Ont., is charged with four counts of sexual assault.

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## U.K. British minister falsely accused by cop?

Detectives are probing "very serious" allegations that a police officer fabricated claims against a British MP who was forced to quit a cabinet post after being accused of insulting police with the term "pleb," the prime minister said Wednesday.

Andrew Mitchell quit as the government's chief whip after he was accused of hurling the word at officers who stopped him from riding his bicycle through the Downing Street gates. Last week, a police officer from the diplomatic protection squad was

arrested for alleged misconduct in public office. Channel 4 News has claimed the officer emailed his local lawmaker falsely pretending to be a member of the public who had witnessed the altercation. The email claimed Mitchell had called officers plebs. "A police officer posing as a member of the public and sending an email potentially to blacken the name of a cabinet minister is a very serious issue and does need to be seriously investigated," said Prime Minister David Cameron. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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## Smarten up. IQ tests too simple in complex ways, researcher warns

A new study released Wednesday suggests IQ tests aren't all they're cracked up to be.

"I think IQ tests are a massive over-simplification," said Adam Hampshire, one-half of the team of researchers who debunked the IQ myth.

"I would be incredibly skeptical of their results."

Traditional IQ tests favour one type of intelligence, said Hampshire. But people can be smart in multiple ways.

Hampshire and his partner Adrian Owen, from Western University's Brain and Mind Institute, created a new test that was able to gauge a person's intelligence in a variety of streams.

It was posted online and gathered tens of thousands of hits in just a few weeks.

"The day the initial trial went live, thousands of people signed on and they broke it," said Hampshire. "People started emailing their scores and putting them on Facebook, challenging their friends and it went viral."

"It was exhilarating and remarkably stressful."

The massive response gave

### How do you rate?

The average person scores 70 to 130 on an intelligence quotient test.

- **The genius.** Albert Einstein had a score of 160 and was a member of the high IQ society, as is Stephen Hawking with the same score.
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the duo a broad sample of information about people from around the world aged 12 to 70.

The study found that there are three main types of intelligence. One relates to short-term memory, another deals with reason and logic, and the last shows a person's strength at variable testing.

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## A new-year bow tie awaits Ikea monkey

**Little primate's a viral star.** Yasmin Nakhuda says Darwin was taken from her illegally and she's facing a court fight on Thursday

Yasmin Nakhuda has everything ready for her little monkey to come home:

A tiny Santa Claus suit for Christmas, a bow tie for New Year's, and a cottage rented in Kawartha Lakes, Ont., where it's not yet illegal to own a monkey.

On Thursday she'll be asking a court to return Darwin swiftly.

On Dec. 9, Darwin was found wandering in a north Toronto Ikea parking lot.

A photo of him in a faux-shearling coat soon made its way to Twitter and from there spread around the world.

It even landed Darwin a nod from The Guardian newspaper in its 10 fashion moments of the year.

Bylaw officials asked Nak-



Yasmin Nakhuda leads a protest Wednesday at Toronto Animal Services in a bid to get her pet monkey Darwin back. Darwin became an international viral sensation after being found in an Ikea parking lot.

TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

huda to surrender the animal and fined her \$240 under the Toronto Municipal Code for keeping a prohibited animal.

The opposing side in her court case is requesting an adjournment, something that would give Kawartha Lakes time to enact an exotic-animals ban already in the pipeline.

Speaking outside a Toronto Animal Services location Wednesday, Nakhuda talked about the trauma.

"Unless you've owned a

primate, you cannot understand what it is to lose one," said Nakhuda, who works as a real-estate lawyer.

About 30 supporters, many friends and family members, attended a protest Wednesday at a Toronto Animal Services location.

Nakhuda's children — 16-year-old Omar and 12-year-old Misha — held signs that featured a picture of Darwin behind bars and read: "Free Darwin now!"

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### Recovering

#### Snowboarder lost for two days

A 33-year-old snowboarder from Ottawa is recovering after being rescued from a wilderness area north of Vancouver where he was stranded for two days.

Sebastien Boucher got lost Sunday after straying out of bounds near the Cypress Mountain ski area.

Initial attempts to find him were hampered by poor weather and the risk of avalanches. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/NEWS 1130/CKNW**

### Canada not so jolly

#### Happy? You're in Latin America

The world's happiest people aren't in Qatar, the richest country by most measures. They aren't in Japan, the nation with the highest life expectancy. Canada doesn't make the top 10.

A poll released Wednesday of nearly 150,000 people around the world says seven of the world's 10 countries with the most upbeat attitudes are in Latin America.

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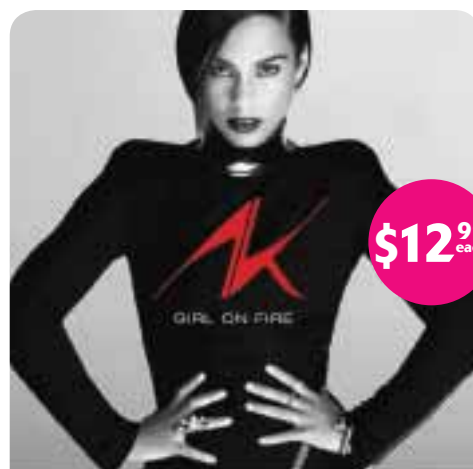
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# New online scam holds computers hostage

## Cybercrime.

'Ransomware' locks your data, scares you into paying and may soon hit cellphones and businesses, experts say

Visit a porn site and you could have your computer locked down and an online ransom

demanded as part of a security threat now expected to spread to other areas of the cyber world in 2013.

It's called "ransomware" and the idea is to scare computer users into paying money to get their machine working again and their data back, said Kevin Haley of Symantec Corp., maker of software security programs.

"The scam is usually, 'Hey we see that you have pornography on your machine and

### At risk

"... It's not just going after people who visited pornographic sites, it's going after anybody."

Kevin Haley, director at software security company Symantec Corp

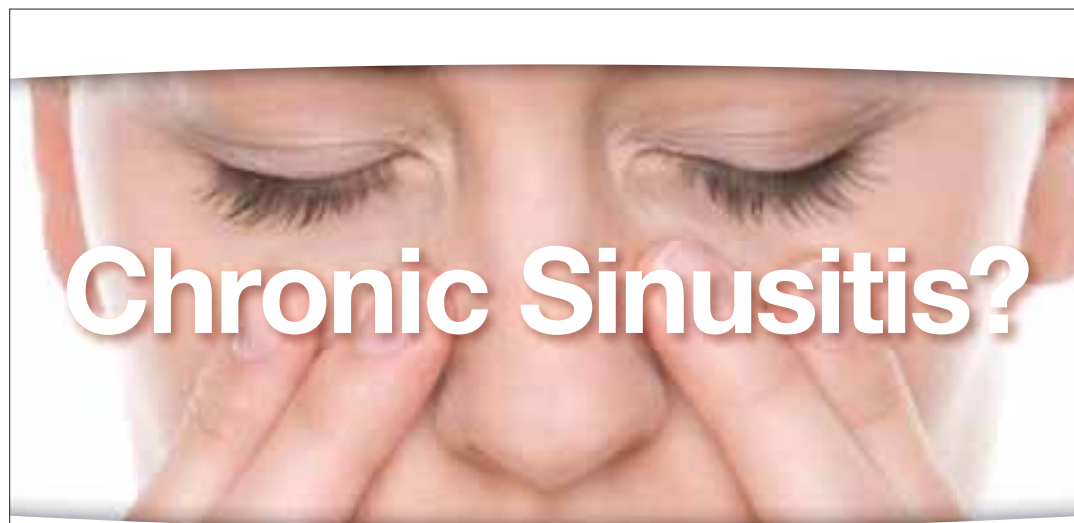
we're the police and you're going to jail for it," Haley said — unless you pay a fine or "ransom," he added.

That means being told online by cybercriminals to buy a prepaid card with a specific amount. The user enters the card's PIN number on the computer keyboard's numeric pad, the only thing not locked down, Haley said.

Smaller corporations, executives and even individuals, all of whom may not have their data backed up, are at risk in 2013, as attackers broaden their base, he said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Security experts warn of "ransomware," where thieves can lock up your online data and demand payment for it. **RYAN REMIOW/THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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### Jerusalem

## Holy site receives half a billion in cheques

Worshippers usually leave notes to the Almighty at one of Judaism's holiest sites. But half a billion dollars?

Rabbi Shmuel Rabinovitch, who oversees Jerusalem's Western Wall, said a worshipper found an envelope at the site Wednesday with 507 checks in the amount of about \$1 million each. They were not addressed to anyone, and it's doubtful they can be cashed.

Rabinovitch said most of the cheques are Nigerian. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### Break-in

## Freeze! It's the ice cream thief

Don't call this one a cold case.

Windsor, Ont., police are on the hunt for a man who broke into an ice cream parlour on Sunday and helped himself to some soft serve straight from the machine.

Around 5 a.m., police were dispatched to the Twistee Treat kiosk on Wyandotte Street East. A surveillance video shows the man checking for money in the cash register before putting his mouth on the ice cream dispenser and flicking the switch.

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## Just dropping in — with some holiday cheer

U.S. Air Force Capt. Dereck Monnier, 36th Airlift Squadron pilot and aircraft commander, wears a Santa hat during a flight over Micronesia Tuesday as part of Operation Christmas Drop, a 61-year-old annual humanitarian airlift mission. The air crew carried a bundle of supplies donated from around the Pacific Region to help remote islanders who do not have access to modern industry and supply chains. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/U.S. AIR FORCE**





# Barack Obama Time's person of the year — a second time

**Going for three?**  
President deserves the win as 'architect' of a new America, says Time editor

U.S. President Barack Obama has been named Time magazine's "person of the year" for 2012.

"We are in the midst of historic cultural and demographic changes, and Obama is both the symbol and in some ways the architect of this new America," Time editor Rick Sten-

gel told NBC's Today show, where he announced the selection on Wednesday.

The short list for the honour included Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani teenager who was shot in the head for advocating for girls' education, as well as Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi, Apple CEO Tim Cook and Italian physicist Fabiola Gianotti of CERN.

Obama also received the honour in 2008, when he was president-elect.

In an interview with Time, Obama said his reelection "may have been

more satisfying a win than 2008."

"We've gone through a very difficult time," Obama told the magazine.

"The American people have rightly been frustrated at the pace of change, and the economy is still struggling, and this president we elected is imperfect; and yet, despite all that, this is who we want to be."

Time's "person of the year" is the person or thing that has most influenced culture and news during the past year, for good or for ill.

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## Previous winners

- Last year, Time honoured "the Protester," citing dissent across the Middle East that was felt worldwide, saying the protesters reshaped global politics.
- In 2010, Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg received the honour.
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## How will you spend your last night on Earth?



"I wouldn't do anything differently. I just don't see the point. I'm not a crazy guy to begin with."

Emaan Kheraj, Vancouver



"I would probably spend it with my family and friends. I don't really know what else to say."

Diane Leng, Calgary



"I can't say what I'd really do because it's not appropriate to print in a newspaper."

Luke Kellener, Fernie/Perth



"I'm a space fan, so I would like to ... look up at the outer world with (my son) one last time."

Barry Obondo, Edmonton



"I would get a plane to Australia .... though I probably wouldn't get there in 24 hours."

Elaine Fitzpatrick, Saskatoon



"I would live it up with all my friends and family and I wouldn't even think about tomorrow."

Jaci Youngson, Regina

# Doom awaits us — later

**2012 prophecy.** The world won't end on Dec. 21, experts say, but there are plenty of ways Earth could go



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Metro World News in London

It was fun while it lasted, but it seems the world is ending. A growing clamour, based on the Mayan calendar, insists that Dec. 21, 2012, will mark the death of humanity. Even NASA has received thousands of terrified messages from the public.

But the calendar has been misinterpreted, say experts, who claim the "end" refers only to the end of a cycle. The Mayan calendar is split into 394-year "baktuns," and 2012 will see a new era.

"The 13th Baktun will end on Dec. 21, and another will start," says Ines Valera-Silva, a researcher in Mayan studies at Loughborough University in the U.K. "That's all. A catastrophe has never been predicted."

Mayans today have stopped



Who'll look the fool if Earth does end? Worshippers gather at Kukulkan temple at Chichén Itzá, Mexico. CUARTOSCURO

using the old calendar, Valera-Silva adds. "There is no reason to interpret this as a prophecy, but obviously some people are excited by it."

Hollywood movies and social media have driven the debate on exactly how the world will end. One Facebook page with 13,000 fans suggests it will come from a cosmic

event.

"The biggest threat is a comet impact," says Benny Peiser, catastrophe specialist and founder of climate policy network CCNet. "It happens every few million years and could happen at any time. Astronomers are scanning the sky for potential risks, and we need to solve the problem for good by

developing the technology to deflect asteroids."

More speculators believe a black hole will open and swallow us all. The fear led to widespread criticism of scientists working on the Large Hadron Collider, rumoured to be capable of producing a black hole.

Humankind may not need

cosmic forces to bring down armageddon. The Cold War may be over, but the number of nuclear nations has grown swiftly — and with it, the risk of a "final war."

"It's no secret how to make the weapons and it's not hard to think of people crazy enough to use them," says Alan Robock, environmental scientist at Rutgers University and author of *Nuclear Winter Revisited*.

Threat of terrorism beside, Robock sees a risk in regional feuds between nuclear powers India and Pakistan or Israel and Iran.

Environmentalists point to rising sea levels and the threat of a supervolcano, while nanotechnology may yet produce microorganisms that kill us from the inside.

The endless possibilities explain the interest in bookmaker William Hill's offer of 1,000,000-to-1 on the world ending.

"Some may say it is a bet we can never lose, for the obvious reason that we won't be here to pay out should it happen," spokesman Graham Sharpe says, but several bets have already been placed.

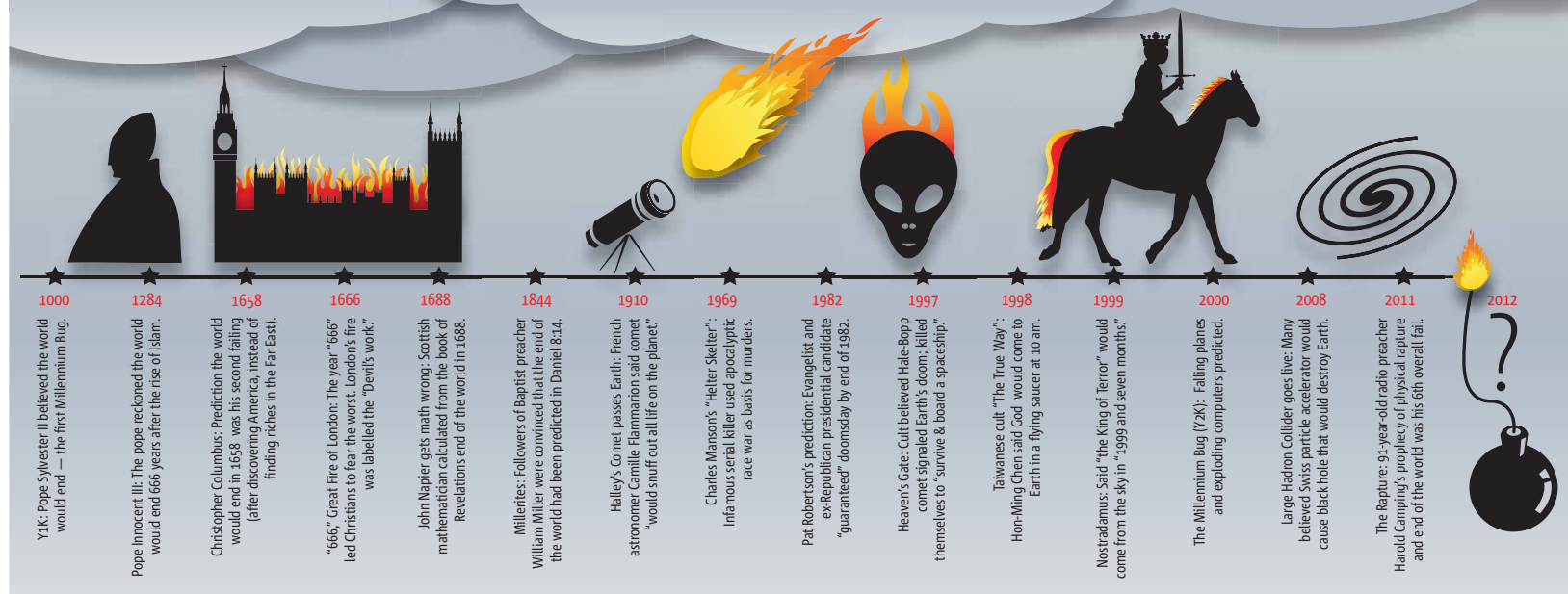
## Apocalypse options

- **Comet strike.** Still the most immediate threat; likely to be sudden. **Fear factor: 7/10**
- **Nuclear war.** Growing and probably more likely than world peace. **FF: 6/10**
- **Global warming.** Rising sea already threatening some islands; slow burn. **FF: 4/10**
- **Disease pandemic.** Could happen but unlikely to catch us by surprise. **FF: 2/10**
- **Sun burnout.** A sure thing but will be in 4.5 billion years' time. **FF: 0/10**



Bedtime reading: This Mayan manuscript suggests an end to a calendar cycle. GETTY IMAGES

## END OF THE WORLD: TIMELINE OF FAILED PREDICTIONS







**"Disney World.... Where else would you rather be but the happiest place on Earth?"**

Chris Hancock, Winnipeg



**"I already live every day like it's the last. So, (I'd) just carry on. I don't make future plans."**

Andrew Goddard, London, Ont.



**"Blissfully ignorant that it is the last day on Earth. I just would not want to be aware."**

Candice McCavitt, Toronto



**"I would make a list of everyone in my life that I had something important to say to."**

Kirk Raybould, Toronto



**"I would break all the laws, all the rules. No drugs, no alcohol: it's not something you need at the end."**

Fred Labonte, Ottawa



**"I'd probably buy unlimited sushi ... drink a lot and not worry about the hangover the next day."**

Leanne Stevens, Halifax



**ERIKA PADRÓN**  
Metro World News in Mexico

José Natividad Ic Xec, a native Mayan living in Mérida, capital of Yucatán in Mexico where the Mayan civilization once thrived, has dedicated his life to promote his culture and tradition. Xec explains what the doomsday prophecy really means for his compatriots.

**What does Dec. 21 mean to the Mayan people?**  
For Mayans living in Yucatán, this date means nothing. Like anyone else, we spend that day thinking about what we are going to eat, about our jobs or what the next few months will be like for us. This date was only conceived as a stage in a calendar, as Dec. 22 marks the end of 13 baktuns, (a baktun is a period of 394 years or 144,000 days). And so, it's just the end of an era in a calendar.

**So the end-of-the-world prophecy is all fantasy?**  
People speak of a revolution in human consciousness, a new light that will shine upon the world. Believers talk of some kind of transformation and will gather at the Mayan pyramids to perform some kind of ritual. But all of this is not attributed to the Maya; we really don't care about it — on the contrary, it makes us laugh. Our people know little about the



## DECEMBER 21 MAKES MAYANS LAUGH

Native Mayan José Natividad Ic Xec tells Metro their calendar's end has nothing to do with the world's end

ancient Mayan Long Count calendar. The only thing we know is that the date Dec. 22 marks an end in the calendar, but people are using the date Dec. 21 because it is the solstice and thus a more memorable date.

**Then why is the date such a big deal?**  
Experts claim that the 13th baktun is a good opportunity for people to make a profit out of those who believe. And if those faithful genuinely believe in it, they would be

frightened; they would look for a bunker or think about a plan of survival. So this end of the world talk is only a bit of fun.

**You use social networks to promote your culture. How**

**popular is Chilam Balam (Xec's blog based on the Mayan document allegedly containing prophecies)?**  
It's a concept that I started two years ago, first on Twitter and Facebook, then on a blog, which I hope will

continue to grow. On my website, I publish stories on Mayan culture and its characteristics.

**Do you yourself have any plans to mark the Mayan event?**

Yes, on Dec. 21 and 22, I will be doing live broadcasts from (ancient Mayan site) Chichén Itzá. I will be chatting to Mayans who live in the area. I want them to tell me about how they live. Perhaps they will perform some traditional dancing. I will also talk to other experts like myself who have worked their whole lives to promote Mayan culture. But for all this to happen, I need sponsors. But I'm aware that our old indigenous culture is not a big seller.

## Doomsday industry still booming despite the lessons of the past

Are you done your apocalypse shopping yet? You could throw down \$30,000 on a space in a luxury underground bunker or a cheaper "survival kit" that can help you eat grass. Apocalypse literature is booming, with sales from the Left Behind book series worth almost \$1 billion.

It's a modern update of the paper "pardons" sold as insurance against judgment day in the Middle Ages. Many experts trace the birth of the apocalypse industry to the U.S. Millerite movement, when preacher William Miller launched a campaign to promote his vision of doomsday in the 1840s.

"Systematic commercialization first arose from fear of nuclear war in the 1960s, with companies building bomb



Doomsday plan: dress up like a Mayan and party hard. CONTRIBUTED

shelters," says Lorne Dawson, sociologist and author of *Prophetic Failure and Millennial Movements*. "That showed the business opportunity, and it continued with the surviv-

alist movement of the 1970s and the growing fear of an catastrophe."

The years 2000 and 2012 have revived the focus, and Dawson believes it taps into a

basic human desire. "Simple psychology shows that people need to believe they do not live in chaos, that there is a higher purpose."

Doom preaching has drawn backlash following cases such as the 2011 suicide of British teenager Isabel Taylor. "It's an industry that exploits anxiety and can be dangerous," says Bill Hudson, astronomer and editor of the 2012hoax blog.

Even if 2012 passes without incident, don't expect the industry to stop. "Even when a theory is debunked, a core group tends to become even more fervent," says Hudson. "True believers are locked in. You can't reason someone out of a position they didn't reason themselves into."

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## Mexico. Prophecy injects billions into economy

It may be the end of the world, but certainly not for Mexico's economy. The Mayan prophecy will have attracted more than \$15 billion in tourist revenue by the end of 2012 as millions flock to the country to discover its indigenous civilization.

Mexico's Ministry of Tourism predicts 52 million visitors will have come to Mexico by the end of 2012, many of whom will have visited the Mundo Maya (Quintana Roo, Yucatán and Campeche states).

"Today we are the 10th power for tourism in the world and we are working hard to be in the top five," outgoing President Felipe Calderón said.

Mexico put aside \$10 million for a 2012 project last summer.

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### Party like a Mayan

More than 500 Mayan-themed events will have taken place by the end of the year.

- Festival Mundo Maya.** Folk festival that celebrates Mayan traditions in the Mexican city of Campeche until Dec. 30.

- The Gran Museo del Mundo Maya.** Located in Mérida, Yucatán's capital, the museum holds precious Mayan artifacts.

- The End of the Long Count Mayan Calendar.** The 365-step pyramid of Chichén Itzá will host a ceremonial event on Dec. 21.

# Penny's end to cost a mint

**Chump change.** New analysis shows price tag for redeeming one-cent coins in circulation will be about \$7.3M yearly

The demise of Canada's one-cent coin next year will save taxpayers less than expected.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty announced the impending withdrawal of the penny in last March's budget, saying the government would save \$11 million a year in production costs.

That's because production of each one-cent coin had cost the Royal Canadian Mint about 1.6 cents. But a new analysis of costs shows that redeeming the mountain of circulating pennies beginning Feb. 4 will cost taxpayers about \$7.3 million a year.

The analysis projects a net cost of about \$38.3 million to redeem some six billion pennies expected to be turned in by consumers and financial institutions over the next six years.

Costs include \$53 million expected to be paid out to redeem the face value of the coins, as well as another \$27 million in handling and admin-



Jeff Golby wears an oversized model of a penny on his head as he collects donations of one-cent coins for charity during this past summer's Canada Day festivities in Vancouver. The federal government is phasing out use of the Canadian penny, and the last one was minted this past May. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

istration costs by the Royal Canadian Mint.

Recycling the zinc and copper from melted-down pennies will bring in about \$42.5 million in revenue, leaving government in the red at slightly more than \$38 million.

However, adding the \$11 million in annual savings from not minting any more pennies, which ceased production May 4

## By the numbers

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Over the past century, the Royal Canadian Mint has stamped an estimated 35 billion pennies from metal plates. The penny remains legal tender even after Feb. 4.

this year, still gives the government annual savings of almost

\$4 million over the expected six-year redemption period.

As the coins are withdrawn, cash transactions will begin to be rounded off to the nearest five cents, but there are no government-imposed rules or policing. Electronic transactions, such as those on debit cards or credit cards, would still be registered in cents.

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## Philanthropy. Zuckerberg donates \$500M in stock

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg said he is giving nearly \$500 million US in stock to a Silicon Valley charity with the aim of funding health and education issues.

Zuckerberg donated 18 million Facebook shares, valued at \$498.8 million US based on their Tuesday closing price. The beneficiary is the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, a non-profit that works with donors to allocate their gifts.

This is Zuckerberg's largest donation to date. He pledged \$100 million US in Facebook stock to Newark, N.J., public schools in 2010, before his company went public earlier this year.

In a Facebook post Tuesday, Zuckerberg, 28, said he's "proud of the work" done by the foundation that his Newmark donation launched, called

## Giving Pledge

- In 2010, Zuckerberg joined Giving Pledge, an effort led by Microsoft Corp. founder Bill Gates and Berkshire Hathaway Inc. CEO Warren Buffett to get the richest people in the U.S. to donate most of their wealth. His wife, Priscilla Chan, joined with him.

Startup: Education, which has helped open charter schools, high schools and others.


With the latest contribution, he added, "we will look for areas in education and health to focus on next." He did not give further details on what plans there may be for funds.


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In this 2010 file photo, General Motors Co. CEO Daniel Akerson poses in front of the New York Stock Exchange following GM's initial public offering. On Wednesday, the U.S. government said it will sell its remaining stake in General Motors in the next year or so, winding down a controversial \$50-billion US bailout. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# GM will spend \$5.5B to buy back shares

**Government bailout.** Washington is almost certain to lose billions on deal that saved iconic carmaker

The U.S. Treasury plans to sell its remaining stake in General Motors over the next 15 months, allowing the auto-

maker to shed the stigma of being partly owned by the American government.

GM said Wednesday it will spend \$5.5 billion US to buy back 200 million shares of its stock from the Treasury by the end of this year.

And the U.S. government, unlike its Canadian counterpart, has promised to sell its remaining 300 million shares on the open market starting in

January and get out of the company's business within the next 12 to 15 months.

The deal almost certainly means that Washington will lose billions on the \$49.5-billion bailout that saved GM from being auctioned off in pieces during the financial crisis in 2008 and 2009. GM's buyback will cut the Treasury's stake to 19 per cent from 26.5 per cent.

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## Donations are better than gifts, majority of Canadians say

A man gives money to a Salvation Army holiday campaign in this file photo. A new study suggests almost two-thirds of Canadian adults would rather see a donation to charity on their behalf than receive a gift this holiday season. The poll for BMO Harris Private Banking also found that 78 per cent of respondents would consider making that charitable donation rather than giving a traditional gift.

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Oshawa, Ont.

## GM shifts Camaro production to Michigan

General Motors is moving production of the next version of its Camaro sports car from its Oshawa operation in Ontario to a plant in Michigan, a move the union says will cost 1,000 jobs at the massive factory east of Toronto.

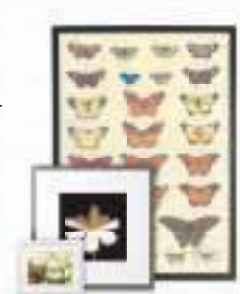
The Canadian Auto Workers estimated the move, which could also affect parts companies, could cost as many as 9,000 jobs in the region after all the spinoff affects are included.

The decision, which will affect workers in late 2015 or early 2016, caught union president Ken Lewenza completely by surprise and left him feeling angry and betrayed.

"We are outraged by this decision," he said. "This is about thousands of jobs in our community." Lewenza called on the company to replace the roughly 100,000 vehicles a year worth of production in an effort to protect the jobs at the plant once the Camaro moves. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# VEGAS: WHAT HAPPENS HERE IS WRITTEN IN A COLUMN



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Greetings, world travellers! The U.S. may have a Bible Belt to hold up the britches of the nation, but this week we look at Las Vegas, the city where pants are optional.

This luminous postage stamp in the middle of desert darkness is home to the American stereotype in all its glory. I have enough American friends to know the obvious — that the U.S. is incredibly diverse — but here in Vegas I'm surrounded by large boobs (not literally), large food (I had a crab cake with the same size and heft of a curling stone) and large cars (my 'compact' rental could comfortably seat a starting hockey lineup wearing its gear).

After four days here, I have compiled this exhaustive 350-word guide to Sin City, which contains oodles of useful information for your trip to Las Vegas. (LEGAL DISCLAIMER: This column contains no useful information about anything.)

## Las Vegas 101

Las Vegas, literally "Lots of Neon," was founded by itinerant escorts and slot-machine builders in the 1930s, who dreamed of a new America where all the worst jobs in the country could be concentrated in one place. Here you'll find tens of thousands of service workers who must put up with customers in a perpetual "Listen here, friend" state of 1-a.m.-drunkenness, and the servers do it all with a smile — a tight, painful smile. You will pity-tip more than you ever have in your entire life.

Fortunately, you'll have plenty of opportunities to distract yourself. For instance, while newspaper boxes lie empty in much of the United States, Vegas does a booming media trade with such well-respected publications as Barely Legal, College Girls! and Alt. Who Says Print is Dead?

And did you know that in Las Vegas it's legal to gamble? The only rule is that the gambling must take place in a one-third replica of some other place on Earth.

The casino resorts include:

- The Venetian, which has an exact replica of the Venice canals, right down to the neon-rimmed gondolas, the ice skating rink, and the country-western band playing covers on the hour. Viva Italia!
- New York, New York, which for just \$5 extra will give you a one-third mugging.
- The Bellagio, famous for its fountains, which are a replica of the Eastern European country Bellagistan and its three-times-bigger fountains.
- One shopping mall also looks like a (really) cheap one-third knock-off of the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto, so presumably there'll soon be a really earnest but widely disliked resort here soon with the slogan "A World-Class Casino ... Aren't We?"

Vegas could be tempting to dismiss as low-rent or vulgar, but unlike many other cities, it knows exactly what it is. And if you don't like it, well, nobody told you to travel to the middle of the desert.

The city also has many bars and whatnot, but I don't want to get into that because of space restrictions and just in case I ever want to run for U.S. Congress. Mistakes were made. We'll leave it at that.

Because, as the man said, you got to know when to fold 'em, know when to walk away, and know when to run. (That man, of course, was a one-third replica of Kenny Rogers.)



A sign of the times in Las Vegas. JOHN MAZEROLLE

# Takes an eagle eye to spot a hoax



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## Class project

### World fooled by Montreal video

Relax, world — your baby won't get snatched by an eagle if you visit Montreal.

An online video of the massive bird plucking an infant off the ground has been acknowledged by its creators as a fake.

The admission comes after the video, produced by students at a new-media training school in Montreal, was viewed millions of times Wednesday on YouTube and was the subject of news reports in Canada and internationally. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Other pranks

With the Internet in shock over the eagle/toddler hoax, Metro decided to revisit some other online video spoofs of the past.

- **Lonelygirl15.** This was an early online video blog depicting the life of a fictional teenager named Bree Avery. The series followed the typical angst-ridden teenager whose confessional videos covered things like her favourite stuffed animals or her first kiss. Over time, the show evolved to include a cult and the mysterious disappearance of Bree's parents. In the fall of 2006, fans of the show discovered that Bree was actually a 19-year-old actress named Jessica Rose, and the show was revealed to be fake.
- **Dating site eHarmony cat lady.** A woman named Debbie tearfully confessed her love of felines in what appeared to be a dating site biography. The site released a statement after admitting it was a hoax.
- **Onion iPod charger.** A video purportedly showed a man charging his iPod using an onion and some Gatorade. It also garnered a

lot of press when frustrated Apple enthusiasts plugged their devices into various vegetables.

- **Microsoft 'viral marketing' slip and slide.** A video shows a man rocketing down a giant water slide before flying off a ramp at the end and landing in a small wading pool. The video was created using a stuntman and computer animation, and was eventually revealed to be part of a marketing campaign for Microsoft Office.

Watch these videos and more at metronews.ca.



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bud, wanna throw some of those \$100 bills this way bud! #joke

**@wpgjets2011:** Hey @NHLPA, you just lost any support you had in Winnipeg. Get your idiot players under control. @EKane9JETS

**@TynLaBroquerie:** When the Winnipeg Jets return, who do we cheer for? Evander Kane and his wad of cash? Ron Hainsey and his Labour Negotiation Tactics?

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## Production on new 'Peg-based band's album very KISS-esque



Winnipeg trio The New Lightweights release its second EP, *What Keeps Us Together*, next Friday at Times Change(d). SUPPLIED

### Keep it simple, stupid.

The New Lightweights focused more on solid performances than on technical mumbo-jumbo



**BACKSTAGE PASS**  
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The New Lightweights are set to release their second slab of rootsy pop, *What Keeps Us Together*.

The Winnipeg trio — com-

prised of vocalist Alexa Dirks, guitarist Ariel Posen and drummer Ryan Voth — recorded the four-song EP with Royal Canoe frontman and former Waking Eyes member Matt Peters.

The band says Peters' production technique was very KISS. No, not Gene and Paul, but the acronym, as in "Keep it simple, stupid."

"Compared to our first EP (released in 2009), the approach is very simple and raw," Posen says.

"We didn't worry about layering the tracks so densely. There's less going on," Voth adds. "I think working with

Matt inspired that."

Voth says Peters wasn't so much concerned with the technicalities of audio recording as he was on getting good performances out of the group.

"When you're in the producer's chair, outside of mic technique and making sure you get the compressions right, there's definitely something to be said for being able to draw out good performances and bringing excitement to the table," Voth says.

"He really put his stamp on the songs in a subtle way," Posen adds. "He wasn't ada-

mant on us changing what we had already. He really believed in what we wanted to do and jumped on our vision instead of pushing his own."

Currently, the vision of The New Lightweights is fun side project. Voth also provides percussion for indie-pop band Imaginary Cities, Dirks is continually busy crooning in female vocal group Chic Gamine and Posen is an in-demand session/touring guitarist, lending his six-string skills to the likes of Del Barber and Sierra Noble.

"I truly love backing people up and I'm grateful I get to play with great musi-

cians playing great music, but being the creator is a whole different ball game," Posen says of his songwriting duties in The New Lightweights. "There's just so much more meaning to the music when it's your own."

The New Lightweights present *What Keeps Us Together* on Friday, Dec. 27 at Times Change(d). Joining the group onstage will be pedal steel player Bill Western and Imaginary Cities bassist Dave Landreth. Nathan singer Keri Latimer opens. Tickets are \$15 at the door, which includes the EP. Showtime is 9:30 p.m.

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# Tarantino Unchained on Django emotions

**New movie.** Director talks about how he scaled back parts of his new movie despite wanting to take it further than he ended up doing

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Django Unchained is a movie so brutal, it brought Quentin Tarantino to tears.

In Toronto earlier this month for the Canadian premiere, he recounted how he broke down during an intense scene where a couple of sadistic slave owners whip Broomhilda (played by Kerry Washington), the wife of the film's hero Django.

"I was operating the camera on one of those scenes and (Washington) got to me. The next thing you know I was completely blind because my eyepiece was filling up with tears," he says.

But it was more the context of the brutality than the bloody assault that yanked at Tarantino's emotions.

"That was a rough scene,"



Director Quentin Tarantino made a conscious effort to drop some violence from his recent film. HANDOUT

he admits. "Where we were doing it, when you see that scene, you will see shacks be-

hind her and those were the actual slave quarters where the slaves lived on those plan-

tations. There is blood in that grass and flesh in those trees and we felt the ancestors who

**Rated R**

**"I could handle a rougher version of the movie than what exists right now. I have more of a tolerance for it."**

Quentin Tarantino

once walked there," he says.

The Django Unchained that audiences will view when it heads to theatres on Dec. 25 is a toned-down version of the film Tarantino originally offered the American ratings juggernaut MPAA.

"They actually gave an R rating to a rougher version than I ultimately ended up presenting to the public," he says.

It was the director himself who made the call to chill on the violence — even though the gore remains trademark Tarantino and there are plenty of scenes that will churn the stomachs of the strongest viewers.

"I could handle a rougher version of the movie than what exists right now. I have more of a tolerance for it, but I kind of realized that when I watched that version of the

movie with audiences, that I was traumatizing them too much. It's just that f—king simple. And I want people to enjoy the movie at the very end of it."

Clocking in at just under three hours, there's plenty to enjoy in Tarantino's take on the spaghetti western and his homage to Italian director Sergio Corbucci, the man behind the original Django. The film follows Django (Jamie Foxx), a slave-turned-bounty hunter on his quest to free his wife from the evil plantation owner Calvin Candie (Leonardo DiCaprio).

Set in the pre-Civil War South, Tarantino peppers his dialogue with the N word, substitutes literary references for his typical pop culture banter and offers his heroes lots of moral grey areas in which to roam.

"I wasn't so much trying to get a message across (about slavery) as paint a very realistic picture of what America was like at that time and create a world where slavery is the norm," he says.

"Rather than make some soapbox speeches about it, or make points against America, I just wanted to ... take you back to that time and stick you in the middle of it."

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## Internet backlash. The fantastic Mr. Jamie Foxx responds to harsh critics with a simple message

The Internet is stupid, according to Jamie Foxx. When asked about criticism regarding his new film, *Django Unchained*, the star is adamant about the fact the online naysayers — who have been critical of the film's frequent use of the N word by both black and white characters — are irrelevant. As long as Oprah approves, everything's basically OK.

"When Oprah saw it, we were like ..." Foxx gives us a terrified stare. "She was like, 'I loved it. It was hard to watch in some spots. I cannot believe I was laughing in some spots at some of these things because you know me, I'm super-black woman.' I'm paraphrasing."

Even director of the film, Quentin Tarantino, found himself susceptible to the online criticism about the film, according to Foxx.

"A couple friends of mine, entertainers, read so much of



*Django Unchained* has received criticism for its violent scenes. HANDOUT

it until they shut down," Foxx says. "Even Quentin calls me, says, 'Man.' I'm like, 'What? Who gives a f—k. They're on the Internet.' The Internet to me is nothing."

Foxx has an explanation for all the ire, for his movie and on the Internet in general.

"What it comes down to is what I call subliminal jealousy," he says. "A lot of people aren't artists. A lot of people

aren't special, so all they can do is stand on the outside and just say the loudest, craziest, zaniest sh— in the world. I actually laugh at most of the stuff, but that's all it is."

But the film about a freed slave who becomes a bounty hunter is receiving an equal amount of praise for its unflinchingly violent portrayal of life in the South, just two years before the Civil War. While the brutality is graph-

ic, in a marked contrast, there are plenty of hilarious moments. It's the kind of juxtaposition that is the hallmark of a Tarantino film.

"(Kerry Washington's and my) character were more the grounded characters and then all of these funny things that happen around them, which I think is so necessary, because it gave people some relief," Foxx says.

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# Adele voted as AP Entertainer of the Year

**Banner year.** Singer finishes out 2012 with another award, beating out PSY, Twilight cast, Taylor Swift and author E.L. James

Though Adele didn't have a new album or a worldwide tour in 2012, she's still rolling. After a year of Grammy glory and James Bond soundtracking, Adele has been voted The Associated Press Entertainer of the Year.

In 132 ballots submitted by members and subscribers of the AP, Adele easily outpaced other vote-getters like Taylor Swift, Fifty Shades of Grey author E.L. James, the South Korean viral video star PSY and the cast of Twilight.

Editors and broadcasters were asked to cast their ballot for the person who had the most influence on entertainment and culture in 2012.

Adele's year began in triumph at the Grammys, took a turn through recording the theme to the 007 film Skyfall and ended with the birth of her son in October. The ubiquitous Adele was that rare



The 24-year-old singer Adele continues to collect year-end awards. JONATHAN SHORT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

thing in pop culture — an unqualified sensation, a megastar in a universe of niche hits.

By the end of the year, her sophomore album, 21, had passed 10 million copies sold in the U.S., only the 21st album in the Nielsen SoundScan era (began in 1991) to achieve diamond status. Buoyed by hits like Someone Like You and Rolling in the Deep long after its release in

early 2011, 21 was also the top-selling album on iTunes for the second year running.

As David Panian, news editor for Michigan's Daily Telegram, put it: "It just seemed like you couldn't turn on the radio without hearing one of her songs."

Women have had a lock on the annual Entertainer of the Year selection. Previous winners include Lady Gaga, Taylor Swift, Betty White and

Tina Fey. Stephen Colbert is the lone male winner in the six-year history of voting.

The Grammy Awards in February were essentially the de facto crowning of the 24-year-old Adele, whose real name is Adele Adkins, as a pop queen. She won six awards, including album of the year. It was also a comeback of sorts for Adele, who performed for the first time since having vocal cord sur-

## Quoted

"There was an overwhelming embrace of Adele and her music. And that was never more evident to me than when I heard teenagers express their enthusiastic expectations for the new James Bond movie because Adele performed the theme song."

Joe Butkiewicz

gery, drawing a standing ovation from the Staples Center crowd.

Accepting the album of the year award, a teary Adele exclaimed: "Mum, girl did good!" The emotional, sniffing singer endeared many viewers to her when she copped in her acceptance speech to having "a bit of snot."

"This record is inspired by something that is really normal and everyone's been through it, just a rubbish relationship," said Adele.

But her luck in love has since turned, thanks to her

boyfriend Simon Konecki. In an interview with Vogue magazine, Adele said she was through with breakup records and done being "a bitter witch."

When Adele announced in June that she was having a baby with Konecki, her website promptly crashed under the heavy traffic. Their son was born in October.

With such an avalanche of success and now a mother of a newborn son, Adele has understandably taken a step out of the spotlight.

One notable exception was recording the opening credits theme song to Skyfall. The song was recorded with her 21 producer Paul Epworth at the Abbey Road Studios in London with a 77-piece orchestra. Within hours, it zoomed to the top of digital charts.

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## K-Stew's sorry for her cheatin' heart

Kristen Stewart knows she's upset more than a few fans over the course of her Twilight tenure — especially since her summer cheating scandal. "I apologize to everyone for making them so angry. It was not my intention," the actress tells Newsweek. "It's not a terrible

thing if you're either loved or hated. But honestly, I don't care because it doesn't keep me from doing my s—." And as for the hugely successful vampire franchise coming to an end? "The only relief when it comes to Twilight is that the story is done," she admits.



Angelina Jolie

## Angelina Jolie dusts off her director's hat

Angelina Jolie is set to return to the director's chair, choosing to adapt Laura Hillenbrand's Second World War survival story, Unbroken, as her second film, according to E! News. The story follows Louis Zamperini, an air force pilot who survived a crash and spent most of the war in a

Japanese prison camp. "I read Laura Hillenbrand's brilliant book and I was so moved by Louis Zamperini's heroic story, I immediately began to fight for the opportunity to make this film," Jolie says. Her directorial debut, In the Land of Blood and Honey, focused on the Bosnian war.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

### The Word



## The year of the lost locks — femmes who took it all off



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No more long locks for these ladies. Whether it was for a role of a lifetime or to bring awareness to a cause, here are some haircuts that turned heads this year.

**Who:** Anne Hathaway  
**Why:** The actress had to shave her head for her role as the prostitute Fantine in Les Misérables.  
**Current length:** Short. "I love the short-haired lifestyle," Hathaway says in the December issue of Vogue. "I'm turning 30, and — I hope this isn't obnoxious to say — I feel prettier, and much more myself. I guess I just feel much more satisfied with less now."

**Who:** Charlize Theron  
**Why:** Theron's shaved head is courtesy of her latest film role, Mad Max: Fury Road.  
**Current length:** Still shaved.

**Who:** Kellie Pickler  
**Why:** The American Idol singer got a buzz cut to support her best friend, Summer Miller, who had to undergo chemotherapy while being treated for breast cancer.  
**Current length:** Growing out a tad. "We made a pact from the get-go that we would shave our heads together," Pickler told E! Online about sharing the look with her best pal. "And we did."

**Who:** Miley Cyrus  
**Why:** Who knows. Probably because she's aching to be seen as more "edgy" than her Disney roots.  
**Current length:** It's not so much talking about length as it is talking about the crazy. As she wrote on Twitter when she originally lost the locks, "Never felt more me in my whole life."



Kate Middleton

## Kate Middleton determined to make the Royal Christmas

Despite her recent pregnancy-related hospitalization, Kate Middleton is vowing to put on a brave face for the Royal Family's Christmas dinner, according to Radar Online. "Kate doesn't want to disappoint the Queen, nor does she want to skip on her duties," a source says.

"She feels she is obliged to appear at the annual Christmas

dinner and doesn't want to let anyone down." Her husband, though, is offering an out. "William has his concerns though that she won't be up to it, and told Kate she shouldn't worry if she feels too sick to attend and that no one will judge her negatively," the source adds. "But Kate isn't having it and is determined to be at the dinner, smiling as always."

### Twitter



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**@ralphmacchio**  
Guess it's time to join the holiday shopping. Just not a fan of the obligatory equal or better gift mandates. #scrooging



**@TheRealRoseanne**  
Dear World: It's been nice knowing U,4 the most part altho ur stupidity brings about the end of life-12-21-12, at least we laughed alot! bye



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# The Carly Rae kiss

The Call Me Maybe singer breaks down the craft of the smudge-free make-out, her Ryan Gosling crush and why she'd never play spin the bottle with Justin Bieber

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As she promotes her new album, *Kiss*, we asked Carly Rae Jepsen about makeup application and the art of making out, because we figured she must be an expert at it by now.

## Putting the makeup on...

"For a press event, I need one hour for my hair and makeup. But if it's just for me, I literally need 10 minutes. My grooming process has become shorter and shorter in my off-days. I like getting glammed up for the red carpet, but then being able to wear no makeup and be in flannel for a camping weekend. I'm like, 'Take me as I am.'"

## The spin the bottle test.

**Ryan Gosling — yay or nay?**  
"I've always had a thing for Ryan Gosling. I don't think



I'm alone in that! There's not one movie of his that I haven't liked. It's his personality. I've never met him, but the characters he

plays are very charming."

## And Justin Bieber?

"He's my friend, that would be too strange. We would

never play that game together!"

## On making out

"I've always had fairly pleasant experiences, but not, like, a lot of them! Kissing is all about how you feel about the person. If you have no chemistry, it can be totally meaningless. But if you have the right amount of flare, then it can be a really magical moment. I don't know if I'm a good kisser. I hope so."

## Video

Watch Carly Rae Jepsen give a tutorial on how to kiss without smudging your lipstick on metronews.ca



## Holiday party skin savers

These are two products to turn to when the party starts showing up on your face

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## La Prairie Advanced Marine Biology Day Cream SPF 20

\$135, laprairie.com. Grab this potent face cream to recover from all of that dehydrating holiday drinking.



## Lancôme Visionnaire Advanced Skin Corrector

\$60, lancome.com. This is the serum to fill out those forehead creases that pop up after too many nights spent squinting in dark clubs.



## Inside her makeup bag

Carly Rae Jepsen opens up her purse to show us two products she can't get through the day without

## MAC Lipstick in Lady Danger

"I'm obsessed with this. It's a statement piece. It's kind of like an orangey red, but the perfect shade of it. It's a good pick-me-up if you have to get dolled up fast."



## Marc Jacobs Daisy Eau de Parfum

"I'm really picky with scents. I can get sick of them after a day or two. Daisy has been one that I've really hung on to. It's not too domineering, really pleasant and kind of subtle. It feels really fresh every time I spray it on."





The Kit

# Canadian street style

Spotted in: Vancouver

**Ann Nguyen**  
Sales manager at  
Lynn Steven  
Age: 31

**What she's wearing**

Aritzia toque, Oak + Fort coat, Wilfred Free T-shirt, Rachel Comey shoes

**Her inspiration**

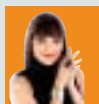
"I'm constantly in a creative state of mind, so I like clothes that are comfortable, functional and at the same time, an outfit that moves with me."

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# Is this the last supper?

**A bite of Belize.** This country was once home to the ancient Mayans, who are said to have predicted the end of the world on Dec. 21. If that's the case, go out with a full stomach

"Cochinita (small pig) pibil (to bury) literally translates to 'buried whole suckling pig,'" write the editors of *Flavors of Belize* magazine in their book of the same name about this recipe.

"Traditionally, you should marinate the pork in the same manner but cook the whole pig wrapped in banana leaves underground with fire wood and hot stones for hours until tender."

This recipe by Chef Sean Kuylen can also be cooked in a slow cooker, on low for 12 hours or on high for six hours.

1. Preheat oven to 325 F. Pierce pork with knife and insert gar-

## Ingredients

- 5 lbs pork shoulder or pork leg, bone in
- 1 head garlic
- 1 1/2 tbsp salt
- 2 tsp cumin
- 1 1/2 tsp allspice
- 1 1/2 tbsp freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tbsp red recado, diluted to form paste
- 1/2 cup sour orange juice
- Smoked banana leaves
- 2 medium onions, quartered
- 2 medium green bell peppers, quartered
- 1/4 cup cilantro, minced

lic cloves all around.

2. Mix all dry ingredients; combine with recado, diluted in orange juice and coat pork. Marinate overnight.

3. Place pork in large roasting pan lined with banana leaves. Add onion, sweet pepper and place cilantro on top. Pour remaining marinade liquid and add more water to pan to approximately 1 inch

## Pureco Cochinita Pibil



This recipe serves eight. MATT ARMENDARIZ FOR FLAVORS OF BELIZE: THE COOKBOOK

high. Cover with banana leaves and seal tightly with foil.

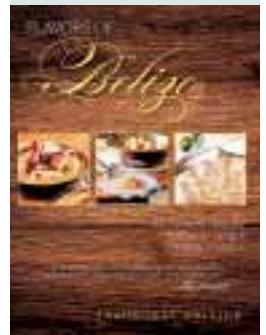
4. Bake for 5 hours or until

meat is very tender and starts to release from the bone. Shred pork and serve on warm corn tortillas topped with pickled

red onions or habanero salsa. **ALL RECIPES ON THIS PAGE FROM FLAVORS OF BELIZE: THE COOKBOOK (MCNAB PUBLISHING LTD)**

## Cookbook of the Week

### Dine like the Mayans



Published by McNab Publishing Ltd., *Flavors of Belize* includes a selection of soups and starters, main dishes and delectable desserts. Additionally, this cookbook hosts a variety of submissions from some of Belize's most renowned chefs and cooks. Each section opens with a brief explanation of the different cultures, whose history acts as the foundation of Belizean heritage. This colourful gastronomic guide delivers more than 120 recipes spanning cultures including the Maya, British, Mestizo, Creole, Chinese, Lebanese, Garifuna and more.

# Panades: A Belizean snack

"Locally, cooks use red recado to differentiate between panades fillings. The red colour from the recado paste represents the fish, and the plain masa is for the beans," write the editors of *Flavors of Belize* magazine in their cookbook. "(The Panades may be filled) with refried

beans. When using refried beans, eliminate red recado paste from the recipe."

1. For Fish Filling: place fish, epazote and cilantro in a pot with enough water to cover, boil until fish is cooked, approximately 15 minutes. Remove fish from pot and cool.

Flake fish, combine with salt, black pepper, onion and garlic.

2. For Recado Paste: Grind annatto seeds, allspice seeds and whole cloves to a powder. Combine annatto powder with sour orange and 1/4 cup of vinegar and process to

a paste. May add more sour orange and vinegar if necessary to achieve a thick paste. Store in refrigerator.

3. For Panades, mix masa, baking powder and salt. Dissolve recado in water and add to masa until soft and masa holds. If using Masa harina, follow instructions on package. Form into 1 1/2 inch balls.

4. Place ball of masa in between 2 sheets of parchment paper in the centre of a tortilla press and flatten. Place approximately 1 teaspoon of fish in the middle and fold over to form a patty, press edges to seal. Do not overfill.

5. Heat oil in a large frying pan and fry Panades until it floats, turn and cook until slightly crisp. Serve with hot



This recipe serves 4 to 6. MATT ARMENDARIZ FOR FLAVORS OF BELIZE: THE COOKBOOK

pepper onion sauce.

6. For Hot Pepper Onion Sauce: Combine all ingredi-

ents and marinate for 2 hours or overnight. Will keep for several weeks in refrigerator.

## Ingredients

### Fish Filling

- 2 lbs fish filet
- 6 epazote leaves, minced
- 2 to 3 tbsp cilantro leaves, minced
- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 tsp ground black pepper
- 2 tbsp onion, minced
- 1 tsp garlic, minced

### Red Recado Paste

- 5 tbsp annatto seeds
- 6 to 7 allspice seeds

- 1/4 tsp whole cloves
- 1/4 cup sour orange
- 1/4 cup vinegar

### Panades

- 1 1/2 lbs corn masa or 2 cups Quaker Masa Harina de Maiz mix
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp red recado paste (see above)
- 1/4 cup water

- 1 1/2 cups fish filet, cooked, flaked
- Vegetable oil for frying
- **Hot Pepper Onion Sauce**
- 2 cups onions, minced
- 2 habanero peppers, de-seeded, sliced
- 2 tbsp cilantro, minced
- 6 allspice seeds
- 1 1/2 cups vinegar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 tsp salt

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# Classic gifts for the pickiest decorator

Imagine having the task of buying a Christmas present for someone who not only has it all, but seemingly has great taste and knows what they like. That's what my family and friends run up against every Christmas — trying to buy me something I don't already have or will like enough to have in my home. Truth be told, designers are probably the simplest to buy for, as long as you don't give short-lived trend items. By keeping the choices classic and useful, your gift will be a hit with your favourite design aficionado. Here's a few that topped my wish list this holiday season. Some cost as little as a dollar and some hundreds. I'd love all of them under my tree this year, Mr. Santa...



## The fuzzy feeling

Whether it be real or faux, a fur throw slung over a chair or end of the bed has always made a luxurious statement in the home. From year to year the fur colours change (this year it's pale browns and greys), and there is always an animal print in fashion. Take a cue from designer Brian Gluckstein and his collection of throws (with a handsome leather carry handle) and live like a designer. Faux Fur Throw, \$149, thebay.com.

## Clink, clink on the cheap

Nothing breaks the mood of a fancy party than having to use the wrong glass when toasting a celebration. And trust me, using a wine glass to serve champagne does not impress anyone who is style conscious. I like to stock up on glass ones and have plenty of them. My go-to store is the Dollarama. Glass Champagne Flutes, \$1, dollarama.com.



## A simple touch

A decorative box can sit handsomely on a front foyer table to hold keys, coins and cards, or on a dresser to hold jewelry, pens and keepsakes in the bedroom. The Agresti Gold Leaf Box adds simple lines and a subtle gold shine to decorate any table or dresser top. \$795, birks.com.



## Crystal accent

The classic round shape of the rose bowl (or goldfish bowl, as it's commonly called) is perfect for flowers. Three rose bowls in a row creates a modern appeal down the centre of a dining table or on a mantel. Tiffany's Floral Vine Rose Bowl holds a dozen red roses, a candle and more, \$330, tiffany.ca.



## Light it up

There is no decorator out there that doesn't like candles, and even better are a collection of candles on a tray. It's the perfect centerpiece on a dining table, coffee table or in the bath. Inexpensive candles mean filling the tray without breaking the bank. Glade Winter Collection Candles, \$5.50 each, glade.ca.



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**Can my festive holiday feast also have a small footprint?**



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The holiday season is about family, community, celebration ... and food! Delicious food. The most festive of holiday feasts are both delicious and sustainable — a joyous combination that's within everybody's reach. And while that perfect balance is something of considerable debate,

a few simple steps will elevate your table to one worthy of the love you bear for friends and family.

## Step #1: Waste not, want not

Canadians produce an estimated \$27 billion in food waste every year, and half of that is household food. That's not festive! Cook an appropriate amount of food for the size of your gathering, and plan for the leftovers.

## Step #2: Cook from scratch

The closer you start to raw ingredients, the more nutritious

and the more sustainable your meal is likely to be. Before you reach for the BPA-lined can of cranberry sauce or the packet of gravy mix, ask yourself, "Can I make this from scratch?" The answer is a resounding yes.

## Step #3: Buy local and organic

Organic food does cost more. That's because it's more expensive to produce than conventional alternatives, which we often subsidize with environmental sacrifice and long-term health costs. But since you're now committed to not wasting any

food, and to cooking from scratch, you're going to save so much money you can probably offset the cost of buying more sustainable options.

## Step #4: Avoid serving GMO

Unlike most of Europe, Canada does not require labelling of foods containing genetically modified ingredients. Certified organic foods cannot, by definition, contain GMO ingredients. Outside of those parameters, buy carefully. The good news for your holiday feast is that there are no GMO varieties of wheat, pota-

toes or root vegetables on the market. However, beware of conventional canola oil or soy derivatives. In the last 10 years, genetically modified varieties of both these popular processed food ingredients have all but taken over. Organizations like The Non-GMO Project have resources to help you make informed choices.

## Step #5: Savour the goodness

You've poured time, energy and love into creating a meal that brings family and friends together. Enjoy it!



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# Maximize your holiday seating without sacrificing any style

**Entertaining.** Getting creative will make space for your guests while keeping it all looking good

The joy of home entertaining at the holidays often comes with a challenge: How do you provide enough seating for a roomful of holiday revellers with just a sofa and a few chairs? Are there creative options besides resorting to folding chairs?

Los Angeles-based interior designer Betsy Burnham frequently hears from clients who want help solving this puzzle. "People are doing more home entertaining than ever," Burnham says, so they want to design their living space to accommodate guests easily. For those without huge rooms, that can be challenging.

Here, Burnham and de-



A long bench with some colourful throw pillows maximizes space and style. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

signers Brian Patrick Flynn and Kyle Schuneman offer advice on maximizing seating without sacrificing style.

## Stealth seating

"I'm a big fan of vintage ottomans, stools and sturdy side tables like stumps for this ex-

act purpose," says Schuneman, author of "The First Apartment Book: Cool Design for Small Spaces" (Clarkson Potter, 2012). These pieces can work as tables or storage surfaces, he says, then occasionally serve "as extra seating for game nights or casual gatherings around the coffee table."

Benches can work the same way. Schuneman suggests buying two benches that co-ordinate nicely with the decor of your living room, and then placing them at the foot of beds in your home. When extra seating is needed, "you can easily pull them out for the holidays and bigger dinners," he says. "And you have a cohesive looking space, as opposed to a bunch of stuff you just pulled from around the garage."

Flynn, founder and editor of decorademon.com, uses ottomans in a similar way. "What I

often do is use an upholstered or hardy wood storage ottoman on casters instead of a coffee table in the sofa area," he says. "Inside the storage ottoman, I keep floor cushions. When it's time for guests, the ottoman can be wheeled just about anywhere as extra seating, and the floor cushions allow guests to lounge."

Burnham points out that using ottomans or benches may be more appropriate in a casual family room or great room than in a more formal living room. But even for formal spaces, an elegant ottoman can work. "Done well, it's a beautiful way to bring another fabric into your space," she says.

## Chairs from elsewhere

Flynn often uses a mixture of different chairs and benches at a dining room table year-round, rather than a matching set. The look is stylish, and when chairs need to be brought into a living room for a party, they don't necessarily look like they've been taken from the dining room set. The mix can include "a three-seater bench, squatty stools, armless chairs, six chairs and a pair of wingbacks at each end," he says.

Another option he suggests: "Bring in your outdoor seating and deliberately mix it in with the indoor pieces. The juxtaposition can be nice, plus you can co-ordinate them with similar coloured cushions or accessories."

Burnham does something similar with seating from game tables: A poker table with four chairs can be a great way to fill one corner of a room, she says, and those four chairs can be placed elsewhere in the room during a larger party.

## The right sofa

Pay attention to size and depth when choosing a sofa, Burnham says. "A standard size sofa is seven feet. If you have three seat cushions, people sit in a pristine way in their cushion," she says, and you'll be limited to a maximum of three guests on your sofa. She prefers "sofas that have bench seams, so that it's one big seat," making it more likely that four guests might use the space.

Longer sofas offer additional seating, but Flynn says they're best used in what he calls a "floating space plan," where two identical long sofas are placed across from one another in the centre of a room, rather than having one sofa against a wall. They need to be "balanced with an extra-long coffee table," he says.

Sofas with deep cushions are another option, but Flynn points out that "extra-deep sofas are very tricky. They are insanely comfortable, but can be a space planning disaster. I only use them in super large or grand living rooms. ... You've got to ensure the tables and chairs which surround it have the same visual weight."

Schuneman agrees: "I think you definitely want to mix it up with different patterns and textures of throw pillows, so it doesn't become a big blob in the room."

If you have extra space after choosing your sofa, Burnham suggests focusing on adding chairs to your living room rather than a loveseat. Although loveseats seem to offer more seating than chairs, they are often occupied by just one person. "A loveseat's a tough one," she says, "because I don't think people want to be super physically close" at parties.

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Stools are another great way to add extra seating. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



# Heading out of town this winter? A checklist for closing up house

**Vacationing.** From holding the mail to turning down the heat

The flights have been booked, the suitcases retrieved from the attic and your vacation itinerary has been set. But while your mind may be ready to wander to a faraway land, don't forget about home sweet home just yet.

Securing your home and making it look occupied while you're away on a winter vacation will help deter thieves. And some simple preparations can save you the anguish and expense of returning home to find damage if something like a dishwasher hose decides to fail in your absence.

"If you look at how long it takes compared to repairing the potential damage, it seems much easier to take the precautions than it does to make the repairs," said Richard Stone, a University of Minnesota Extension educator in housing

technology.

Here's a checklist for closing up the house properly before you go:

## Daily Check

Arrange for a friend or neighbour to check on the house at least once a day (and feed the fish or water the plants). Give that person a copy of your itinerary and contact numbers. Ask that they call the police if they see or hear anything out of the ordinary.

## Mail/Newspapers

Have the mail held, or ask a neighbour to take it in.

Cancel newspaper deliveries and ask your neighbour to take in any unexpected holiday packages, notices of delivery attempts that may be left on your door or free publications tossed on the driveway.

"That's a sure sign that you're not there, when all that stuff starts accumulating at your house," said Ernie Long, the crime prevention coordinator for the Aventura Police Department in Florida.

## Snow removal

If you don't have a contract for regular snow removal, arrange for somebody to clear your driveway and sidewalk if there is a storm. The house will look occupied if the driveway is cleared, plus that allows any emergency crews closer access to your home. Students may want the job, but find out if they have their own equipment or need access to yours.

## Security

Lock all windows and doors and set your alarm if you have one.

The police also might be able to check on your house daily. If your department has one, register with its "vacation watch" or "dark house" list.

"We will periodically go by and check your house to make sure everything is on the up and up," Long said. "Just about every police department offers some kind of vacation watch."

## Lights

To make your house look lived in, put lights on timers to mimic your typical routine.



A man carries his neighbour's newspaper to her doorstep in Havertown, Pa.  
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Long said he'll set his living room timer to go on in the evening for a bit, and then he'll set a bedroom light to go on for an hour before his usual bedtime.

Exterior motion lights are highly effective in deterring crime because, as Long said, "You can't sneak up on them."

## Locks and Doors

The back door should have a high-security lock and a strong door frame. Long recommends



Your cell phone can be used as a home security monitor. PROTECTION ONE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

replacing short screws with 3 1/2-inch wood screws to reinforce the strike plate on the door, making it harder for a criminal to kick it in.

"You need to have good-quality locks, but the door frame is just as important, especially on the back door," he said. "Studies have shown that if you delay him two minutes, he'll go somewhere else."

## Valuables

The first place robbers go in a

home is the master bedroom, Long said, where they are after money, jewelry and guns.

If you have a big stash of cash or an expensive jewelry collection, he recommends storing it at a bank safety deposit box and storing any weapons in a gun safe. If you hide valuables in your home, be creative, Long said. Place them in a coffee can, painted black and attached to the floor joists overhead in the basement, for instance.

## Thermostat

If you're leaving a cold weather climate, you can turn the heat down in your home, but don't turn it off altogether, since that could cause damage from frozen water pipes.

Stone recommends going no lower than about 15 C. Even at that temperature, the exterior walls, which may house pipes and plumbing fixtures, will be colder, especially in older homes that may have less, or no, insulation in those outer walls.

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Tim Tebow, left, was passed up for the New York Jets' starting quarterback job for the final two games of the NFL regular season. RICK SCHULTZ/GETTY IMAGES

# Tebow talk turns to possible CFL sojourn

**Heading north?**  
Speculation swirls around popular QB trying Canadian game

To Tebow or not to Tebow.

That's the CFL question.

With the New York Jets electing to bypass quarterback Tim Tebow as starter Mark Sanchez's replacement for Sunday's game, there have been plenty of speculation and rumours out of the NFL that he might just leave and try tossing footballs next season in Canada.

Apparently, his negotiation rights are now held by the Montreal Alouettes, who

## Ryan's regret

Jets coach Rex Ryan acknowledged Wednesday that he had higher expectations for the seldom-used Tebow in the Jets' wildcat-style offence. And so did the NFL's most popular and maligned backup quarterback.

- "For some reason, it hasn't panned out to my expectations and maybe Tim's either," Ryan said. "Defences have attacked us a little differently. Maybe that's a

contributing factor to it."

- Ryan would not go into detail about why he chose Greg McElroy over Tebow to replace the struggling Mark Sanchez as the team's starting quarterback with two games left in a lost season.

- "Obviously, I'm a little disappointed," Tebow said. "You try to handle it the best you can." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

just signed Anthony Calvillo, 40, to a new two-year contract. The Hamilton Tiger-Cats used to have the former first-round

NFL draft pick's negotiating rights but dropped him during the season.

Negotiating rights are secret

in the CFL so it's even speculative that Montreal has them right now. But sources suggest they do.

Several CFL teams need a quarterback, Winnipeg for one. But the former Florida Gator would have to take a massive pay cut to play north of the 49th Parallel. Even if the Jets release him, chances are some other NFL team will take a shot at him.

Should Tebow decide to come north and develop into a decent quarterback without the pressure — or the circus — in the States, he could always return to the NFL some day.

Tebow hasn't started a single game since being traded to the Jets from Denver in the off-season. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## CFL

### Argos release safety Boulay

The off-season house cleaning continues for the Toronto Argonauts.

The Argonauts released veteran safety Etienne Boulay on Wednesday, one day after cutting loose veteran kicker/punter Noel Prefontaine.

Boulay, a Montreal native, joined the Argos in the off-season and started 13 regular-season games for the club, registering five special-teams tackles.

He played in all three of Toronto's post-season games, including the Argos' 35-22 win over Calgary in the 100th Grey Cup. He made one special-teams tackle and one defensive tackle in the championship match.

Prior to joining the Argos, Boulay spent six seasons with the Montreal Alouettes, winning East Division outstanding rookie honours in 2006.

The Argos also re-signed defensive lineman Donte Paige-Moss and signed linebacker Shane Horton.

Horton spent one year as a freshman at UNLV and three more at the University of Southern California.

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Etienne Boulay  
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# Eskimos lock up Sherritt until 2015



Edmonton Eskimo J.C. Sherritt holds the CFL's most outstanding defensive player award in November in Toronto. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Relegated to the practice roster after his first pre-season, J.C. Sherritt looked like he might become an afterthought with the Edmonton Eskimos.

Two seasons and 202 bone-crunching tackles later, Sherritt is not only the cornerstone of the Eskimos defence, he's the top defensive player in the CFL.

The Eskimos rewarded Sherritt for his stellar play Wednesday, signing the five-foot-nine, 218-pound linebacker to a contract extension through the 2015 season.

Sherritt was the overwhelming choice for the CFL's outstanding defensive player award, earning 49 of the 57

## Quoted

**"Last year was obviously a season of highs and lows, and one of the highs was definitely the play of J.C. Sherritt."**

Eskimos general manager Ed Hervey

votes cast by CFL coaches and members of the Football Reporters of Canada.

His stats backed up the praise. He made a record-setting 130 defensive tackles in 2012. He also recorded three sacks, three special-teams tackles, three forced fumbles, one fumble

recovery, two knockdowns and five interceptions for 56 yards. A nagging ankle injury kept him out of the CFL East semifinal with Toronto, which the Argonauts won 42-26.

"He is an extremely talented player who has character beyond reproach," Eskimos head coach Kavis Reed said in a statement. "He is a core player who will help us in our championship quest."

Securing Sherritt to a contract was a priority for the Eskimos, who have also extended the contracts of kicker Grant Shaw, linebacker T.J. Hill and offensive lineman Brian Ramsay over the last couple of weeks. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



AHL

## Schenn seals deal for Phantoms in win over IceCaps

Brayden Schenn scored the winner on Wednesday as the Adirondack Phantoms defeated the St. John's IceCaps 3-2 in American Hockey League action.

Schenn's 12th goal of the season came on an unassisted effort at 5:16 of the third period.

Eric Wellwood and Brandon Manning had the other goals for Adirondack (11-14-1), while Sean Couturier added two assists.

Scott Munroe made 23 saves to pick up the win.

Spencer Machacek and Zach Redmond had the goals for the Winnipeg Jets' farm team (13-15-1). Kael Moullierat chipped in with two assists for the IceCaps.

Eddie Pasquale allowed three goals on 34 shots in taking the loss.

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NFL

## Authorities finish investigation into Belcher shooting

Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Jovan Belcher apparently was worried he would lose his baby and money to his longtime girlfriend before fatally shooting her and killing himself, according to newly released police reports.

Belcher also complained about Kasandra Perkins, the mother of the couple's three-month-old daughter, in conversations and text messages sent to a woman he was dating on the side, the reports show.

In one text message from late October or early November, Belcher wrote he "would shoot" Perkins "if she didn't leave him alone." The girlfriend told police that Belcher said "his child's mother threatened to take all his money and his child if they split up."

Belcher shot Perkins multiple times in their home on Dec. 1 and then drove to team headquarters, where he killed himself in front of his coach and general manager.

The Jackson County prosecutor's office reviewed the police reports, which first were obtained by the Kansas City Star, before closing the case Friday. It formally ruled the deaths of Belcher, 25, and Perkins, 22, a murder-suicide. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# NHLPA waiting on NHL to resume talks: Fehr

**Lockout.** League not sure progress can be made at this point

Quoted

"We don't have anything new to say right now."

NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly on the status of negotiations. Daly created a stir earlier in the day when he made an appearance on CBC's HNHC Radio and was asked to give a simple yes or no answer on whether there would be an agreement in time to save the season. He responded "yes."

willing to resume when they are (and) we're willing to resume without preconditions.

"So we're waiting to hear back from them."

The sides haven't negotiated with one another since Dec. 6 in New York, when talks broke down. They also met with a U.S. federal mediator for two days in New Jersey last week and re-

ported no progress.

From the NHL's perspective, negotiations should only resume once there is something new to say.

"I don't think either party is refusing a meeting," deputy commissioner Bill Daly said in an email. "But unless there is an indication one side or the other is prepared to move or

has a new idea to move the process forward — and so far neither side has indicated — I am not sure what we would do at the meeting.

"What is the agenda? Who is directing the conversation?"

Fehr indicated that he liked the idea put forward by Winnipeg Jets defenceman Ron Hainsey that the same parties who met two weeks ago return to the bargaining table, plus himself and commissioner Gary Bettman. Progress was made during a session that included four new owners and a number of players, including Sidney Crosby.

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Taking back Stanley?

## Reclaiming cup not on GG's mind

The Stanley Cup may have been created by the office of Canada's Governor General — but don't count on the current office-holder to take the trophy back.

Gov. Gen. David Johnston chuckled when asked whether the prospect of a cancelled season could prompt him to reclaim Canada's beloved relic.

Edmonton MP Brent Rathgeber has suggested the cup could be awarded in a competition to determine the best non-pro team in Canada. Also, one of the cup's full-time guardians recently said it would be "exciting" to have a mock tournament if the season is cancelled. THE CANADIAN PRESS



## Canadians have strong showing at French World Cup event

Armin Niederer of Switzerland, third from left, performs during the final race on his way to winning a men's ski cross World Cup event ahead of Calgary's Brady Leman, right, American Joe Swenson, second from left, and London, Ont.'s David Duncan on Wednesday in Val Thorens, France. Leman finished behind Niederer for his second silver medal of the season and Duncan couldn't quite catch Swenson for bronze. LAURENT CIPRIANI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# On the rise: Raptors get 4th straight win

DeMar DeRozan had 23 points and Jose Calderon added 17 assists Wednesday as the Toronto Raptors won their fourth straight for the first time in over two years with a 97-91 victory over the Detroit Pistons.

Emerging swingman Alan Anderson, who has 58 points over his last three games, finished with 16 points for the Raptors (8-19). The last time Toronto won four in a row was Nov. 17-24, 2010.

Greg Monroe had a career-high 35 points and 10 rebounds for Detroit (7-21), which has dropped six in a row and is a paltry 2-13 on the road this season.

Wednesday's game



The Raptors came into the fourth quarter leading 73-71, but opened up a seven-point lead on a clutch three by Anderson and an Amir Johnson hook shot. Anderson had fans at Air Canada Centre roaring when he connected from downtown twice midway

through the quarter to make it 88-77.

Detroit clawed back to make it a four-point game with under three minutes left, but Calderon hit a three of his own to get the lead back up to seven. Toronto ran down the clock with long possessions and timely rebounds to seal the win and put the Raptors over .500 at home this season (6-5).

Calderon kept the offence moving in the third, finding DeRozan and Ed Davis, who combined on 12 points to give Toronto a 63-60 lead midway through the quarter.

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Raptors forward Mickael Pietrus drives to the hoop between Detroit Pistons centre Greg Monroe, left, and power forward Jason Maxiell on Wednesday in Toronto. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Horoscopes

## ♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

The Sun joins Mars, your ruler, in the career area of your chart tomorrow, so you will be even more ambitious than usual. Impress those in positions of power but try not to do so at the expense of other people.

## ♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You are up for whatever life throws at you and when the Sun changes signs tomorrow, there will be no holding you back. However, after your initial burst of enthusiasm you will need to settle into a steady routine.

## ♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

It may at times seem as if the answers are "out there" waiting to be discovered but in reality they are "in here", where facts mean less than feelings. Take time to listen to your inner voice today — it has lots to tell you.

## ♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Don't worry too much if you have not been getting along with a certain person of late because you will soon be friends again. You will also find that your opinions were not nearly as far apart as you had previously believed.

## ♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You need to get serious about your work and your health. Because everything has been going so well for you of late, you have tended to overlook certain things but now it's time to take care of those boring details.

## ♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Do something creative, something that gets you noticed. Everyone was born with an ability of some kind, so focus on your own special talent and make it work for you on all kinds of levels, including financial.

## ♏ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

The next few days are going to be of added importance for family matters. You will certainly find it easier than usual to see the world through loved ones' eyes. Better understanding makes compromise possible.

## ♐ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

However hard you try, you will not change another person's viewpoint. And however hard they try, they will not change yours. So what can you do? You can steer clear of each other as much as is humanely possible.

## ♑ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Over the next few days, your thoughts will turn to what you own, what you earn and, more importantly, how you can start earning more. Get rid of a dozen ideas but the one that remains will make you rich.

## ♒ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

The old solar year is coming to an end and when the Sun moves into your birth sign tomorrow, a new cycle will begin. After the disappointments of recent weeks, it will feel wonderful to know that all things are possible.

## ♓ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Get away for a while. Leave the chaos and confusion of everyday life far behind. Before you go, let someone know that you do not exist to cater to their every whim. You have needs too and they must be satisfied.

## ♈ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Recent cosmic activity has made it possible for you to move up in your work or career. Now you must decide if you are happy with what you accomplished or if you want to go higher still. It's your choice.

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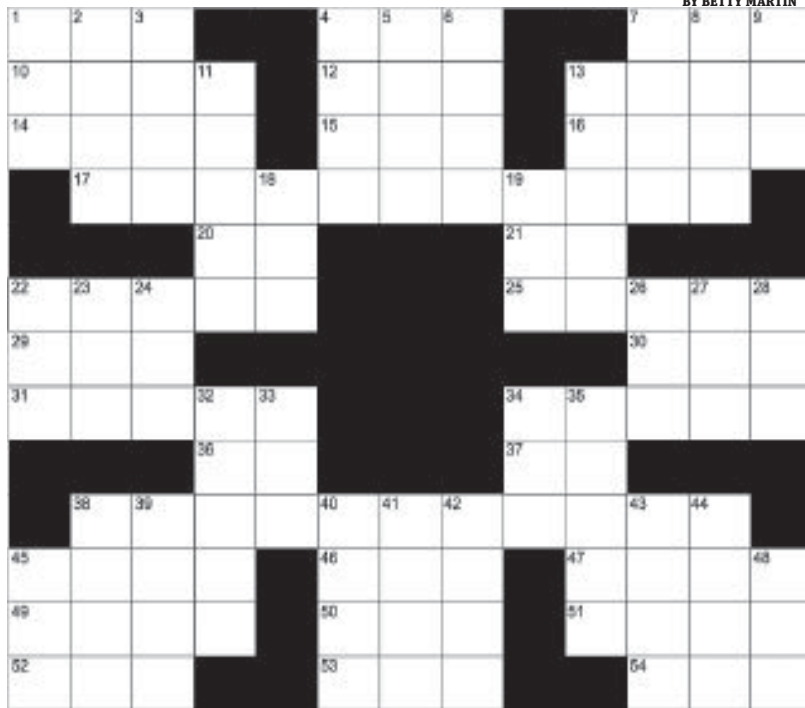
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4. Keyboard key
7. Nickname of comedian Bill
10. One not to be trusted
12. Havana greeting
13. — 70's Show
14. Thin Man's dog
15. Soup container
16. Rodents
17. Stargazers
20. Movie alien
21. Egyptian Sun God
22. Touched by an Angel actress
25. Carry in inventory
29. Pester
30. "Norma —"
31. Tempest
34. Beautify
36. Battery sz.
37. Head out
38. Ethel's partner in hijinks
45. Pitch
46. Gobbled up
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49. Police activity
50. Cartoon pooch
51. Barbershop sound
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53. CPR specialist
54. Opposite of WNW

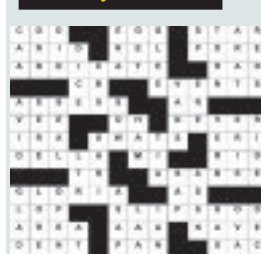
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1. Chicken — King
2. One of The Simpsons
3. Belfry inhabitants
4. Filled tortilla
5. Star of M\*A\*S\*H
6. U2's lead vocalist
7. Cinders
8. Bran source
9. Ave. crossers
11. Hotel fees
13. Halloween indulgence
18. Road abbr.
19. Robinson or Doubtfire
22. Found in the ER
23. Have a bite
24. Self
26. Gold, to Juan
27. My Mother the —
28. Olin of thirtysomething
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33. Spring mo.

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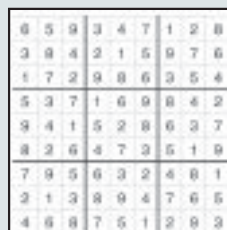


## Sudoku

## How to play

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## Yesterday's Sudoku

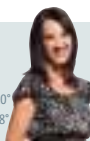


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